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Eleven men were being held by
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ANC leader will face Commons committee

By Anthony Bevins and Richard Evans

Mr Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress (ANC), has been invited to give evidence to an all-party select committee of the House of Commons. He will appear before MPs on Tuesday next week.

The invitation contrasts starkly with a Commons response from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who told Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, last night: "We do not engage in contact with organisations of this kind which are actually engaging in violence at the moment."

Sir Geoffrey urged the ANC leadership "to give peace a chance" with a declaration "suspending" their policy of violence.

But Sir Anthony Kershaw, Conservative chairman of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, last night defended the decision to take evidence from Mr Tambo. "We realize the political implications, but we have nevertheless decided that it is better to see him," he said.

"It is a question of how many people they really represent. I think there is a difference between the IRA, who represent a small number of people equally hostile to the Republic of Ireland and the UK, as opposed to the ANC, who clearly speak for a very large number of people."

Sir Anthony said his committee, which had been approached by the ANC, would ask Mr Tambo what was the purpose of asking for sanctions against South Africa and "whether he thinks the only way to proceed is to reduce South Africa to chaos first". He added: "The key question is violence, and why does he think it is necessary?"

The Foreign Secretary said in a Commons debate on the crisis in South Africa that the country needed "a dialogue and not a revolution", and that required "a suspension of violence on all sides".

He said: "That applies both to the law enforcement techniques of the South African

Government and to the activities of the African National Congress."

But some MPs were last night noting the contrast between the Government's attitude to the ANC and to some other groups.

Last week's aborted talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization executive members had been partly based on a demand for an outright renunciation of violence, confirming "their opposition to all forms of terrorism from whatever source".

In the wake of this week's Nassau agreement, which called for dialogue "in the context of violence on all sides", the Government appears to have modified its line.

Nevertheless, ministers will undoubtedly be embarrassed by

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the select committee's invitation to Mr Tambo, further recognition of his standing as the voice of black South Africans.

● JOHANNESBURG: Black nationalist Mrs Winnie Mandela said yesterday that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's opposition to Commonwealth sanctions against South Africa was an insult to the country's black majority (Reuters reports).

"It is an insult to us (the blacks) and to those who have paid the supreme price in our struggle for our liberation," she told Reuters in an interview.

Commonwealth leaders have set a six-month deadline for Pretoria to start dismantling apartheid or face sanctions by at least some members, but Mrs Thatcher has successfully resisted moves for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions.

"The Thatcher government's attitude towards our pleas for

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Success for Kinnock in chief whip poll

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock's authority over Labour MPs was increased yesterday when his choice as chief whip, Mr Derek Foster, scored a one-vote victory on the second ballot for the post.

Mr Foster, aged 48, who was 24 votes behind Mr Norman Hogg, the deputy chief whip, in the first ballot, defeated him by 96 votes to 95.

The result delighted the Labour leadership, but led to accusations by the left of a smear campaign against Mr Hogg, who was supported in the vote by most of the Campaign group, although he is no means a left-winger.

It was thought that reports over the weekend about the Campaign group's activities in the election had cost Mr Hogg dearly.

The group had sent candidates for the post a detailed questionnaire seeking their views on a wide range of issues, and was accused by Mr Stuart Bell, secretary of the centre-right Solidarity group, of wanting to put the future chief whip in a "Stalinist strait-jacket".

Mr Foster is parliamentary private secretary to Mr Kinnock, who now has his own man marshalling Labour's MPs.

Mr Hogg, who was visibly shattered by the outcome, admitted the "Stalinist" gibe had harmed his chances. He said Mr Bell's comments had



Mr Foster, the new Labour chief whip.

been absolute nonsense. "I had been deputy chief whip for two years and in nobody's strait-jacket."

Mr Bell said: "This is a blow to the Campaign group who thought they were delivering Norman Hogg by their slate vote."

The greatest irony about Mr Hogg's defeat is that he is to the right of Mr Foster. The Campaign group backed him because they thought he would be more independent of Mr Kinnock, of whom they are not fond.

Mr Kinnock said last night he was very pleased with the result. Mr Foster combined the best instincts of manager and shop steward, he said.

Irresistible pop star meets immovable Parliament

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

Bob Geldof, pop singer turned tireless fund raiser, came to the plush European Parliament building in Strasbourg yesterday straight from a gruelling tour of the African famine belt and ran into bureaucratic caution, a party-political bickering and a stand-off with the British Labour group over their refusal to have lunch with him.

He later called for a tea-man emergency taskforce to distribute EEC food aid and demand that Europe's gigantic food surpluses should be given away. They were a preposterous outrage and "the crowning irony of the EEC".

Mr Geldof kept Mr Willy de Clercq, European Commissioner for External Relations, and of External Relations, and scores of other officials waiting for half an hour before

emerging from his lunch with Euro-MPs to deliver an impassioned and articulate plea for greater and more efficient aid distribution.

With his long hair and open-necked shirt, he presented the greatest contrast possible with the average EEC bureaucrat, or even the sober-suited Euro-MP.

"This place needs a laxative," he observed, with the bluntness he has gained on African leaders, delivering tirades against EEC red tape and "chronic bureaucracy" with charm and a broad grin.

He had been well briefed on the Lome Convention - basis of EEC aid to the Third World - and the common agricultural policy (CAP), winning applause for his attacks on "subsidized over-production".

"I am not a political naïf or ingenué," he declared, when challenged over whether giving away the food mountain was practicable. "It was a matter of political will to get things done," he said.

Mr de Clercq launched into a lengthy defence of the CAP, saying that without it there would be no surpluses to distribute to the starving. Mr Geldof looked unimpressed.

Mr de Clercq said there already was an EEC aid taskforce, and Mr Geldof looked thunderous. "Obviously doesn't work," he said.

Earlier Mr Geldof had clashed with the British Labour group of MEPs over their boycott of an all-party lunch for him hosted by the Conservative MEP, Mr Christopher Jackson. Mr Geldof urged them to attend, and nearly walked out

when the Labour group, led by Mr Stan Newens, insisted that the lunch was a partisan occasion for Tory propaganda.

The Conservative organization of the lunch was "nonsensical hypocrisy" according to Mrs Barbara Castle, herself a former Labour development minister. She and Mr Michael McGowan, the group's spokesman, said the boycott was because the Conservative Government had not only cut its own aid programme but had persuaded its EEC partners to cut back Community food aid as well.

Mr Geldof said later he did not think the Labour members were trying to make political capital out of the affair, nor did he doubt their compassion, but they should have known better and it was mean spirited to "bicker over dead, bloody

bodies". He said he and Band Aid had a common objective with the EEC to prevent people dying and had just come to criticize.

Mr Geldof left Strasbourg for London - he is expected to fly to Australia today to "raise bluster and rage like a pop star" if EEC aid was not stepped up. "There is a crisis in Africa, but there is also a crisis of morality in Europe epitomized by this building," he said.

The EEC aid effort was little more than pocket money compared with Band Aid's efforts. He was given the Parliament's special gold medal but merely remarked that he would put it on a gold chain and use it if he gave pop concerts in Las Vegas.

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Princess Anne, colonel-in-chief of the Royal Corps of Signals, at its "survival" training camp on the moors at Wathgill, near Richmond, North Yorkshire, yesterday.

TUC shut door on breakaway miners

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The TUC General Council yesterday decided firmly against affiliating the new breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers into its ranks.

In its first formal declaration on the issue since last Friday's vote by a majority of more than 30,000 miners to form the new union the council explicitly reiterated "its longstanding policy that it cannot accept affiliation breakaway bodies from existing affiliates."

A formal statement overwhelmingly endorsed by the council said that divisions between miners could only "damage the ability of the miners themselves to safeguard their industry, their jobs and their futures".

As expected, the TUC leaders endorsed the suggestion by the "inner cabinet" on Monday that they should seek a meeting with the whole National Union of Mineworkers executive to "explore whether there may be any role for the TUC in re-establishing unity".

The meeting is expected to go ahead, probably on Monday, when the union is due to hold a special delegate conference in London to review the issue of dismissed miners and to hear reports of court proceedings in the union's so far vain attempt to lift the receivership imposed on it a year ago.

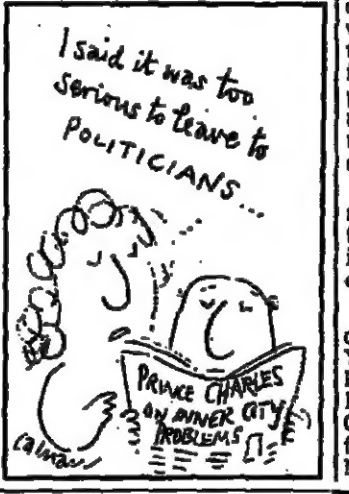
There was, however, little immediate prospect of the TUC's initiative leading to a resolution of the deepening fissure in the miners' ranks.

Pressed to meet the breakaway organization in the interests of achieving a settlement, Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, made it clear he would only decide on a course of action after consultation with the NUM.

"We have not excluded anything. That does not imply that anything has been included," he said.

Mr Willis said that a "split of this kind does not strengthen the national position of miners. It may well strengthen the ability of the National Coal Board to carry through its plans."

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Prince asks for study on riots

By Charles Knevitt

The Prince of Wales has asked Dr Rod Hackney, his architectural adviser, to investigate the causes of the inner city riots in Epsom, Epsom, Texteth and Tottenham, because of his fears that "no-go" areas could become commonplace in Britain.

Dr Hackney, who dined with the prince on the royal train in Somerset on Monday night, said that the prince believes that the lessons of the riots four years ago had not been learned and they had led to the renewed state of rioting in the past few weeks.

The prince has spoken of his concern for inner cities and the need for community architecture in speeches to the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Institute of Directors.

Dr Hackney is chairman of the assessors of The Times/RIBA community enterprises scheme which seeks to encourage community initiatives in reviving the inner cities. The prince is patron of the scheme for 1985/86.

Last night, Dr Hackney denied reports quoting him as saying that the prince's biggest fear was that he would inherit "A divided Britain" but said he has expressed concern about a country of "haves and have-nots".

Dr Hackney said: "He believes that bureaucracy and the environmental professions should abandon their arms length approach to solving inner city problems, and reduce the mysticism which surrounds what an architect does."

Buckingham Palace said last night. The Jubilee and Prince's Trust has offices in many areas and is already helping with a large number of community projects organized by young people.

The work has increased gradually over the last few years in inner-city areas.

Mr Hackney, the only private guest at Monday's dinner, was there to discuss Ducky of Cornwall projects about architectural work in the West Country and London. "The discussions about inner-city problems were incidental," the palace said.

Reagan pressed by Thatcher on arms cuts

From Michael Binyon, New York

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday met President Reagan to discuss arms control and world issues, a day before they both addressed the United Nations General Assembly at its fortieth anniversary celebrations. The main issue she was believed to have raised was her insistence that the Americans give a clear statement on the initiatives already taken on arms control.

The Prime Minister was said to have been struck by the negative view Commonwealth heads of state at Nassau had of the US position, and she pressed on Mr Reagan the need to underline "the Western readiness for real arms control."

Mrs Thatcher, who arrived here last night, also discussed British participation in the President's Strategic Defence Initiative, emphasizing Britain's interest in substantial contracts.

A framework agreement between the two governments is due to be signed soon, but the final details are not yet settled.

She also made another strong plea for the Americans to buy the Prismair battlefield communications system, which is competing with the French Rita system for a multi-billion-dollar contract.

She met the President after a 50-minute meeting with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, during which she explained British support for the latest peace initiatives.

Britain has been strongly encouraged by Mr Peres's offer to consider some form of international framework for talks between Israel and a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. The atmosphere was said to have been good and the

two discussed Mr Peres's visit to London in January, and Mrs Thatcher's to Israel early next year.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs Thatcher discussed the Middle East with Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, and supported efforts made by the world organization to bring peace to the region. She also raised the Cyprus issue and said afterwards she thought a solution was close at hand.

South Africa and the Commonwealth decision to set up a special committee to look at punitive measures were a central point of her talks both with Señor Perez de Cuellar and with President Reagan.

The British see today's summit meeting of the six leading Western powers here as an important chance to clarify the Western position on SDI and arms control, which Britain believes must be at the heart of Mr Reagan's summit meeting with Mr Gorbachov next month.

Britain feels strongly that treaties already signed by both sides must be observed in full, and on this there will probably be considerable argument today in the light of the recent American decision to consider reinterpreting the anti-ballistic missile treaty with Russia.

On the controversial announcement on Tuesday by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, that the Russians were now violating the Salt 2 arms treaty by deploying the SS25 missile, Britain has not yet expressed a view.

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Negotiator says Reagan breaking ABM treaty

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration's controversial interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty with Russia was bitterly attacked yesterday by Mr Gerard Smith, the chief US negotiator of the treaty in 1972.

Despite assurances by President Reagan that the US would abide by a strict interpretation of the treaty, Mr Smith said it was clear that the Administration had repudiated its former position - and that of all previous administrations - that the pact bars development and testing of space-based strategic defences.

"This new version of the treaty has drastic implications for the survival of the treaty and indeed of the whole arms control process," he declared.

Mr Smith's criticisms came on the eve of talks in New York today between President Reagan and the leaders of Britain, West Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan to prepare for his Geneva summit on November 19-20 with Mr

Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Nato allies are acutely worried that the US might interpret the accord loosely in order to press ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative "Star Wars" programme. However, the US accepts that deployment of space-based weapons is barred under the treaty.

Mr Smith said the Administration has concluded that space-based systems or components may be developed and tested under the treaty. He insisted that it had not been the US intention that technology for space-based ABM systems could be developed or tested under the treaty.

● SOFIA: Warsaw Pact countries proposed yesterday that the United States and the Soviet Union freeze numbers of conventional forces at home and abroad from January, 1986, and halt development, testing and deployment of offensive space weapons, including anti-missile systems (AFP reports).

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Peace talks may snub Arafat

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

President Mubarak of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan were expected to meet in Amman today to discuss the prospects for a Middle East peace settlement in the aftermath of the Achille Lauro hijacking and Israel's offer of direct talks with Jordan.

That, at least, is what Egyptian sources say - Palestinians, however, suspect that the two Arab leaders will consider whether they should now abandon Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO.

King Hussein's advisers, already restoring their relations with Syria - one of Mr Arafat's bitterest opponents - have been arguing for some months now that Mr Arafat is no more able to deliver on his promises of "peace for land" than he is capable of controlling his own men. For his part, President Mubarak is now resentful of a number of PLO officials who claimed, contrary to his own

statements, that the PLO had never asked Egypt to send the four hijackers of the Achille Lauro to Tunis for "trial".

Aware - as Mr Arafat does not appear to be - that the Arab cause has for the immediate future at least been irreparably damaged by the Achille Lauro affair and the murder of the elderly American passenger, President Mubarak and King Hussein have to decide whether they can realistically go on urging President Reagan's administration to talk to the PLO. If not, then their own support for Mr Arafat will have to diminish.

Three of the largest newspapers in Cairo yesterday carried almost identical articles - presciently officially inspired - expressing President Mubarak's displeasure at what the papers called "irresponsible statements" showing a "lack of appreciation" by "some person-

alities" in the PLO leadership. Mr Salah Khalaf - who uses the code-name "Abu Iyad" and who is effectively the second most important official in Mr Arafat's Faiah guerrilla movement - was specifically criticised for claiming that the PLO wanted "an investigation as to why the four (hijackers) were put on a plane for Tunis".

This contradicted an earlier statement by Mr Arafat that he had asked President Mubarak to turn the hijackers over to him "so they can be judged and punished". As if this was not enough, President Mubarak discovered earlier in the week that the PLO had been holding talks with Egyptian opposition leaders in Kuwait - "a deviation", as the Cairo papers reported, "from the tradition established by the leadership of the state in dealing with Arab and international issues".

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(A timely warning that in one week's time the survey of Britain's most enterprising town will appear in white, instead of pink.)

Pressure on NUM grows as key workers move to join breakaway union

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The National Union of Mineworkers came under increased pressure yesterday as key workers outside the moderate heartlands of Nottinghamshire and south Derbyshire made moves to join the newly formed Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

Two of the four collieries in Leicestershire are to hold pithead meetings which look certain to call for an area ballot on whether to join the new group, with confident expectation by some officials of a decisive "yes" vote. The two other pits in the coalfield are to close.

The 36 members of the NUM's North Staffordshire Winders section - a small but industrially powerful organization - are also expected to vote in a poll to join the UDM.

At Aggroft colliery in Lancashire the 500 pitmen who worked during the strike, will vote in a ballot on Wednesday. A decision to affiliate to the UDM is confidently expected.

In North Wales, miners at the

two collieries, Point of Ayr with 700 men and Bersham with 460, are pressing NUM officials to hold a ballot.

NUM representatives at Daw Mill pit in Warwickshire, who have organized a referendum among their 2,000 members in two weeks' time, believe the three other collieries in the county will follow suit and that eventually the breakaway union will predominate.

At isolated collieries throughout Britain there are reports of campaigns to call ballots on leaving the NUM, but such moves are unlikely to make much headway in militant areas such as Yorkshire and South Wales, which were in the vanguard of the strike.

So far, only Nottinghamshire, south Derbyshire and the 1,600-strong Colliery Trade and Allied Workers' Association have voted to join the breakaway union which was formed in opposition to the militant NUM leadership.

Mr Trevor Bell, general secretary of COSA, the miners'

white-collar union, said that the breakaway Nottinghamshire union leaders were trying to poach his 4,000 members into their organization.

He denied claims that the UDM had the negotiating rights and said it was "spreading rumours to confuse members about the issue". The coal board had verified that COSA had the right to negotiate for its membership in Nottinghamshire.

Right-wing hopes of a breakthrough in the traditionally militant Yorkshire area of the NUM hang on a pithead election which opens today for one of three national executive posts held by the area (Donald Macintyre writes).

Balloting will take place today and tomorrow in a contest between Mr Sam Thompson, the candidate backed by the left, and Mr John Walsh, the moderate who gave Mr Peter Heathfield a close run in last year's election for the union's national secretaryship.

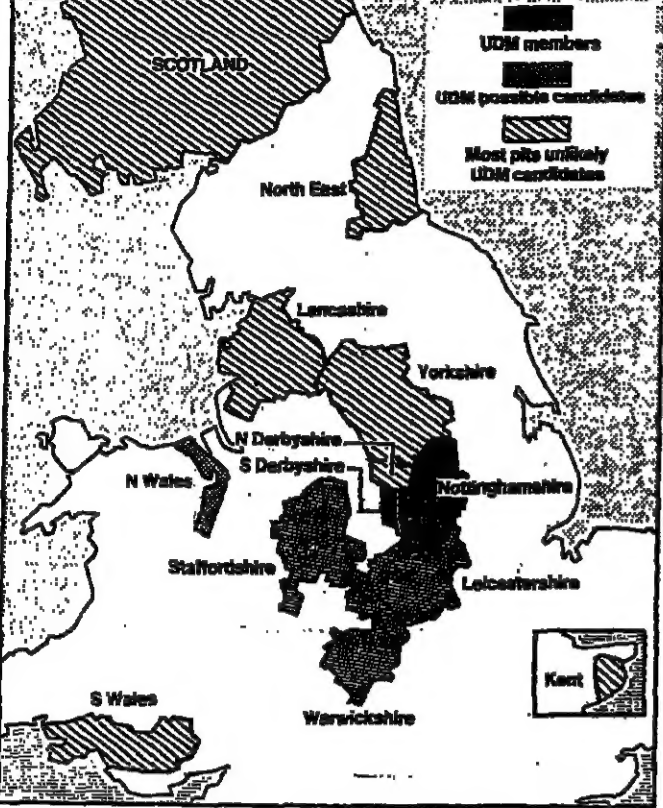
The election's importance has been partially obscured by the continued publicity surrounding the Nottinghamshire and south Derbyshire miners' breakaway from the national union. An original branch election for the national executive post was annulled after Mr Walsh secured a High Court ruling that the area should hold an individual ballot to conform with the NUM's new rulebook.

Mr Thompson, the union's last vice-president and the incoming general secretary of the Yorkshire area, has the advantage of the backing of the area's dominant left-wing caucus and administrative machine.

Mr Walsh, a former Rugby League international and the union's North Yorkshire area agent, is a strong critic of the strategy adopted by the national leadership in the past 18 months. He is standing on his record in his own area since the strike, including the reinstatement of many dismissed miners.

Miners at Bold Colliery on Merseyside staged a lightning strike yesterday in protest at the NUM's refusal to hold a ballot on the proposed closure of the pit.

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Press unease over police request for riot pictures

Police officers seeking to identify Handsworth rioters made highly unorthodox approaches to newspapers and television companies, the Association of British Editors was told at its first annual meeting in London yesterday.

Newspapers were asked for copies of unpublished photographs and television organizations for discarded film, said Mr Robert Southgate, Central Television's Controller of News and Current Affairs.

One camera crew outside a court was asked by police to film defendants for the benefit of other forces, said Mr Southgate. The association decided to mount an inquiry into the problems of reporting urban riots.

Mr Roger Woodward, a concert pianist, aged 42, was released on bail by Camberwell magistrates yesterday after being charged with attempting to impede the prosecution of Eroy Palmer. Mr Woodward is accused of hiding a camera on October 18, which was allegedly stolen from Mr David Hodge, a freelance photographer, who died from injuries received during the Brixton riots.

Eleven teenagers appeared before Tottenham juvenile court yesterday; three charged with the murder of PC Keith Blacklock, and the others on charges related to the Tottenham riots. The three, aged 13, 14 and 15, were remanded in care of the local authority.

Police are accused of 'bad faith'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A trial run of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act in Tottenham districts, the intended provisions are being broken, the National Council for Civil Liberties says in a briefing paper for 60 MPs of all parties.

"Solicitors and social workers are most concerned about the treatment of juveniles who have been or who still are being held in relation to incidents arising from the Tottenham disturbances."

The Act, which comes into effect in January, is intended to provide clear statutory rules about the questioning of children and young people in police custody, the NCCL says. But in the non-statutory code of practice, there is an important prohibition against interviewing juveniles, or asking them to make a signed statement, in the absence of a parent or guardian, a social worker or another responsible adult who is not a police officer.

"In the eight cases of which we have full details it is clear that if social workers were likely to inform juveniles of their rights then they were either asked not to attend the police station or not to go back."

For the first time, the Act gives suspects in custody a statutory right to consult a solicitor privately at any time. But if a person is in custody for a serious arrestable offence, then an officer of the rank of superintendent or above can authorize this to be delayed for up to 36 hours, if he has certain beliefs about the consequences of access, such as accomplices being alerted.

In one case involving a 13-year-old, access was granted, but the solicitor was refused a private consultation. The same solicitor was also refused private consultations in three other cases. Interviews had to be carried out in the sight, hearing and presence of a police officer, the NCCL says.

The scene was one of the Sotheby's viewing galleries and the occasion the appointment of Lord Gowrie, former Minister for the Arts, as chairman of Sotheby's International. The formal announcement of the appointment was made yesterday.

Upstairs, the former minister met *The Times* and explained in fluent phrases, still characteristic of the gamekeeper, why he



Charles Hazlewood (left), Nicky Blair, Kate Arnot and Richard Smith at a ceremony celebrating the re-union yesterday of the boys' and girls' schools of Christ's Hospital in Horsham, west Sussex, after 300 years of separation (Photograph: John Manning).

Diplomacy ends RUC controversy

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The latest argument over reported criticisms by the RUC Chief Constable on cross-border security ended last night with the British Government insisting that he had been seriously misrepresented and offering fulsome praise of southern efforts in the fight against terrorism.

A flurry of diplomatic activity involving officials of both governments and a personal telephone call from Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Republic Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was designed to speedily end the controversy.

Last night a statement issued earlier by Mr King was accepted by the Irish Government as an adequate response to their official protest about Sir John Hermon's alleged remarks to an international police seminar at Houston, Texas.

At a meeting with the Chief Constable yesterday Mr King was shown the notes Sir John had used in his lecture and in a statement afterwards said it was clear Sir John had been "seriously misrepresented".

Mr King said that while Sir John had expressed concern at the scale of resources available to the Gardaí, he had also paid tribute to them.

Expressing full support in Sir John, Mr King said he regretted that such widespread publicity had been given to an unreliable report.

In the strongly nationalist city of Londonderry yesterday Mr King was jostled and jeered by Provisional Sinn Féin councillors when he visited council offices.

Minor scuffles broke out as police dragged protesters from the steps of the Guildhall where Mr King was paying a courtesy call on the mayor. His visit was delayed by 90 minutes because of a bomb scare.

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Pupils learn skills of business world

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schoolchildren are being taught how to be entrepreneurs under a new programme, produced by the British Steel Corporation with support from the Department of Trade and Industry, announced yesterday.

Pupils aged 14 to 19 are learning how to turn a money-making idea into reality by drawing up a business plan and working out the resources needed and their intended customers. They must assess cash, profits and costs.

"We want to get people to think differently," Mr John Dunbar, chief executive of BSC, said. The company, a corporation subsidiary, was set up to help communities affected by contraction of the steel industry.

"People thought about going to the big companies for work such as the shipyards and collieries. We're trying to get them to be more enterprising. The programme, 'Going for Enterprise', was developed by Durham University Business School, and complements a government initiative for

schools to be launched early next month. Schools in the corporation's 18 "opportunity areas" will be offered the teaching material free together with a £30 grant.

Only three out of 58 secondary schools visited by the schools inspectors had any policy about teaching technology, according to an inspectorate inquiry published yesterday.

The report, based on visits between 1981 and 1983, recommends that all local education authorities should have a policy for introducing technology into schools so that resources, staffing and training can be properly organized.

Technology courses were heavily biased towards physics and engineering. The inspectorate says that more attention should be given to developing technology work reflecting the importance of biology and chemistry and of intrinsic interest to both sexes.

Technology and School Science, an HMI inquiry (Stationary Office, £2),

allegedly writing the sexually explicit graffiti about teachers on the walls.

The education committee ordered the pupils to be reinstated but teachers refused to have them in their classes. Last Monday, a demonstration by Manchester's entire teaching staff led to 74,000 pupils being sent home.

Meanwhile, there has been a second incident in which graffiti aimed at teachers was daubed on the walls of a school in Greater Manchester. Police are investigating the slogans at St John Bosco Roman Catholic junior school in Hall Moss Road, Blackley, which referred to the headmaster, Mr Kevin Quigley, and included anarchistic catchphrases.

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BBC gives pledge to cut staff vetting

By David Hewson

The BBC is to reduce the vetting of its staff by M15 to an undisclosed number of posts connected with wartime broadcasting duties and some jobs in its External Services.

But the move failed to convince broadcasting unions yesterday and the National Union of Journalists may seek industrial action if vetting is not reduced further.

BBC unions are incensed that the Corporation consistently denied that vetting took place until the practice was exposed by *The Observer* newspaper earlier this year.

Union officials met Mr Alasdair Milne, the BBC's director general, yesterday and were told of the changes. But the corporation refused to say how many jobs were previously subject to vetting and to allow staff access to their files.

An NUJ statement said after the meeting: "We believe that significant progress has been made. There are still a number of problems to be ironed out."

The corporation said that, after a review of the procedures by Mr Christopher Marria, the director of personnel, it had decided that no members of BBC staff would be subject to security clearance procedures except those who fell into two categories.

"The BBC is required to provide a broadcasting service in wartime. Those members of staff involved in the planning and operation of the wartime broadcasting service have access to classified information; certain security clearance procedures must continue to be carried out."

The BBC said that it also intended to vet a reduced number of jobs in External Services. The case in which an exiled Bulgarian employee of External Services was murdered, had proved the need to protect the interests of both the BBC and its External Services.

The corporation intended to cease asking staff whose work involved access to official information to acknowledge that it made them liable to the Official Secrets Act's

The new procedures have been introduced and it is thought that those whose work will involve vetting will be asked if they are willing for security checks to take place.

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Vauxhall to create 500 jobs with new car

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

American-owned Vauxhall Motors, which has faced criticism from the British Government for not manufacturing sufficient number of cars in Britain, yesterday responded with a plan to build a new car at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside and create 500 new jobs next year.

The new four-door saloon, to be called the Belmont, in the UK, will be only 53-55 per cent British, but Mr John Fleming, Vauxhall's chairman and managing director, said it would help to boost output at the Ellesmere Port plant from 25 to 35 cars an hour.

Mr Fleming was speaking at a press conference at the Savoy Hotel in London where he also faced a demonstration of workers from Ellesmere Port demanding an end to imported cars from General Motors' other European plants. Workers were prepared to strike to protect their jobs, he said.

Earlier in the day, Vauxhall was criticized by Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for moving fast enough in financing its undertaking to raise UK production.

In marked contrast to Ford, which aimed to source 70 per cent of its UK requirements from its UK car factories this year, Vauxhall would produce only 56 per cent of its cars in the UK and the UK content of the cars would be less than 50 per cent.

Mr Brittan, speaking at a motor industry conference, praised the Japanese company, Nissan, for its UK manufacturing plans.

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Army too small for home role

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Britain does not have enough soldiers for the defence of the United Kingdom while at the same time deploying large numbers of men on the Continent and possibly outside the Nato area.

That is one of the key lessons of the largest home defence exercise, which was held last month. Now the Army is understood to be reviewing the role of its 148,000 civilian reservists to see if they could be used in a way that, in war, would release more Regular and Territorial soldiers for home defence.

The exercise, named Brave Defender, was based on guarding hundreds of key installations against enemy sabotage and special forces. The guards were supplemented by mobile reserves which were intended to be available to reinforce any key points that needed it.

But it was found that there were not enough mobile reserves, which amounted to only one company, or roughly 90 men, for each county.

The Army is hoping that it will be possible to re-allocate the wartime role of reservists to release regular and territorial soldiers to form at least one brigade to provide additional home defence reserves.

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Inspections by firms for dry rot and damp in homes of 'low standard'

A survey of firms which treat timber rot and rising damp shows "disturbingly low standards" of house inspection, according to the latest issue of the *Building Trades Journal*, the industry's leading weekly magazine. It calls for higher standards of training and the introduction of codes of conduct to the public against "cowboy" operators and incompetent firms.

Houses inspected for dry rot or woodworm, can be given expensive treatment, when it may not be necessary, because the firms which looked at the properties lacked expertise, the magazine said. An Institute of Remedial Treatment Surveyors, to act as a watchdog for the public, building societies, surveyors and estate agents.

Last February, the *Building Trades Journal* and a remedial treatment company, Rickards Timber Treatment, of Romford, Essex, tested 14 firms specializing in timber and rising damp treatment. Two firms did not turn up for their inspections. The other 12 were approached by a Rickards employee, who posed as a potential house buyer. The firms were not told about the experiment.

They were all members of the British Wood Preserving Association, and three also belonged to the British Chemical Damp Course Association.

The three-bedroom terrace house chosen for the test contained typical infestation by wood-boring insects, fungal decay and damp walls. It was given a detailed inspection by the Rickards' team and these findings were used to judge the competence of the other inspections.

The magazine report concludes that although the Rickards' surveyor probably did not pick up every possible defect, "the results revealed the others operated to disturbingly low standards".

The first three firms incorrectly identified the poria in the front room as dry rot, and only one firm used the access hatch to get under the floor. Even then, the surveyor did not move from the area immediately below the hatch. None of the surveyors lifted floorboards, apart from some already broken, and consequently failed to find any of the five other areas of decay in the sub-floor timber.

Only one firm assessed the situation correctly and recommended steps to allow the premises to dry, suggesting re-

inspection later. Nine incorrectly diagnosed rising damp; two in the front wall only, and seven in all main walls. Eight firms did not find the beetle infestation. Only four firms took measurements and none took all the measurements necessary to provide an accurate estimate.

Six firms did not have a minimum kit of equipment to carry out their inspections, such as a torch.

The cost of treatment quoted by the firms ranged from £587 to £1,561. The house was subsequently treated for bad sub-floor ventilation. Its walls were touched dry by July, without damp proof course treatment, confirming that rising damp was not present.

The report concludes: "If the professions concerned cannot offer more effective monitoring of the very large sector of the remedial treatment market in which they are concerned, what chance does the public stand of receiving competent treatment and value for money?"

Mr Peter Roper, executive editor of the *Building Trades Journal*, said yesterday that practically anyone could set up a remedial treatment business because regulations cover only new construction.

Sex fears over head at home 'ignored'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Lewisham social services department has been accused of a serious failure to act over warnings about the behaviour of the head of one of its children's homes, since jailed for four years for sex offences with children.

For 17 years, Ronald Cooper, aged 56, had worked at the Leewards children's home in Orpington. He was jailed last June after the court was told he took thousands of "revolting" photographs of naked children, some as young as five. He had admitted sexually assaulting a boy aged 11.

As long ago as 1972, social services staff and others warned senior officers about his behaviour. But repeatedly the council failed to act, an independent inquiry has found. Complaints about his paedophile activities were ignored or suppressed.

In 1974, the department was again warned of Cooper's "unhealthy interest" in the children in his care, but the warning was dismissed as not valid. There were further warnings in 1975 and 1976 on which no effective action was taken. In 1977, five junior staff at Leewards also complained about Cooper's preference for blond, blue-eyed boys, of his favouritism for them, and his behaviour. They were told they had no evidence and had bypassed correct procedures. All

five resigned shortly afterwards. The report says Cooper "was regarded as having powerful friends, these included the chairman of the council, the chairman of the social services committee, the social care work division, the trade unions and the visiting psychiatrist".

Cooper was discovered when police investigating a child prostitute racket in 1984 came across a printer who had developed and exchanged pictures with him.

The report says that while the situation in Lewisham has improved, change has not occurred fast enough. "Radical changes in organization and attitudes need to be made to effect any real improvement." "At almost every point at which collectively or individually the people involved had to choose between making the welfare of the children the first consideration and some conflicting loyalty or priority, they chose the latter. They did so not from malice, or deliberate wickedness, but because they did not keep in the forefront of their minds their statutory obligations to the children in their care."

Lewisham social services committee was due to consider the report in closed session last night. The committee's vice-chairman, Ms Paulette Goudge, said it welcomed the report.

Heritage rescue

Drive to protect monuments

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A rescue service for thousands of unprotected ancient monuments was announced yesterday by English Heritage, the group created 18 months ago to take over much of the heritage work done by the Government.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, its chairman, said that protection of ancient sites through "scheduling" them as official monuments had been far too slow. About 200 that were worth protection were lost each year.

He also indicated that English Heritage had moved closer to an agreement that

would enable it to clear the land round Stonehenge and move the present access road and shops well to the north of the monument.

There would be "lively interpretation" of Stonehenge at the new enlarged car park, but no "vandalism and razzamatazz". Lord Montagu said that English Heritage would "restore the ancient landscape setting of the monument, unmarked by any road or car park near by."

Lord Montagu said early this month that the new plan for Stonehenge had been

delayed by bargaining with the Ministry of Defence about road access through the Larkhill Army camp to the new car park. He said yesterday that there had since been encouraging progress, but would not give details.

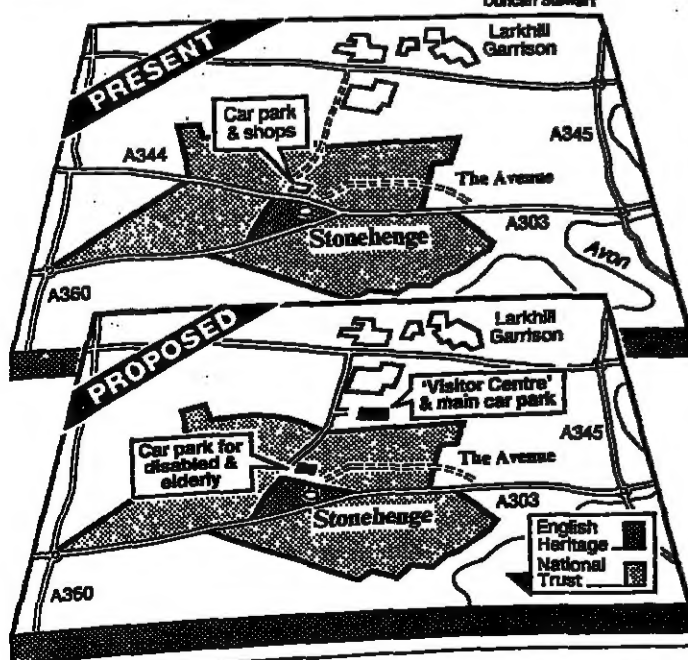
He added that many small monuments needed "urgent protection". They ranged from conspicuous prehistoric burial mounds and standing stones to obscure relics buried in remote fields. There were 600,000 in England.

Not all were worth "scheduling" as official ancient monuments. Once "scheduled" they cannot be disturbed without official permission.

He added that English Heritage would speed the rate of listing of historic buildings, which would include old-fashioned pillar boxes and telephone kiosks.

A beekeeper who runs a rescue service for bumble bees has won one of the top prizes in the annual conservation award scheme organized by the Conservation Foundation. Mr Ernest Croysdill, who operates from Blackpool, removes the bees' nests from premises in which they would otherwise be destroyed. He will receive £2,000 at an award ceremony in London today.

The top prize of £5,000 will go to Dr Jack Young, a researcher at Reading University, for work aimed at establishing charcoal from specially-planted woodland as an alternative fuel to coal.



Satellite link for airliner phones

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Telephones are to be installed in many of the world's airlines from 1987 as a result of an agreement just concluded between the organization which will provide the international carry the calls, the International Maritime Satellite Organization (Inmarsat), and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), on behalf of the airlines.

The agreement will ensure that the evaluation and demon-

stration of these air-phones will begin within two years. If it is successful telephones on aircraft could become commonplace.

Inmarsat began operations in 1982 and leases channels on communication satellites around the globe. It offers about 4,000 ships, boats and oil rigs radio communications via these satellites. The organization has placed contracts for three communication satellites at a cost of \$150 million.

The idea would be to other aircraft facilities similar to those available to ships.

Apart from being able to telephone to any destination from the properly equipped aircraft, the communication links will allow the aircraft to send to other aircraft or ground controllers information on their performance, weather conditions and other information which will increase the safety performance of the aircraft.

Choirboy's bubble of success



A reluctant choirboy, Jonathan Cunliffe (above), aged 14, seems fairly nonchalant after being named as Britain's leading chorister yesterday.

Jonathan, of Waddington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, admitted he had "mixed feelings" about winning what the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, described as this year's "choral Olympics".

He said: "My friends will tease me. They already follow me around singing: 'Tra la la'. I could do without all the hassle."

Jonathan, who dreams of becoming an Olympic sprinter, said he also preferred pop music to Handel, whose "Thou didst blow with the wind" from *Israel in Egypt*, had to be sung by all finalists in the competition.

His victory brings £2,000 to his church, St Helen's, Waddington, and a personal prize of £300 (Photograph: John Voos).

Chemists' contract delay 'will cost NHS millions'

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government faces an unnecessary increase of several million pounds in the cost of National Health Service pharmaceutical services if it fails to introduce legislation for a new chemists' contract, Dr Geoffrey Booth, President of the Pharmaceutical Society, said yesterday.

His warning came after the House of Lords rejected an amendment on Tuesday night that would have allowed the new contract to come into effect in Scotland, the first step towards a national contract.

The defeat in the Lords, after opposition to the new contract from the big multiple chains such as Underwoods, and from some small pharmacists, had

come as "a bombshell", he said. "There is a real danger that if legislation is delayed, people will exploit the existing contract at the expense of the NHS."

Under the present system, any chemist who opens a shop is entitled to an NHS contract for supply medicines. This year 348 new shops had opened by September, against 130 in the same period last year. About 700 pharmacists are queuing to open new outlets, which could add £7 million to the NHS pharmaceutical bill.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, yesterday reiterated the Government's backing for the new contract but could offer no promise of early legislation.

Campaign to control Aids aimed at everyone

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A huge national campaign of sex education to help to control the spread of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Aids, is to be aimed at the general population, including schoolchildren, the chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

"The linchpin of our strategy must be to provide people with information and practical advice on sexual behaviour which will enable them to avoid infection and in addition to tell them what they need not worry about," Dr Donald Acheson said.

The Government is urgently planning the campaign which will be directed not just at the groups at high risk of the disease, such as homosexuals and drug abusers, but also at the general public, he said at the Central Public Health Laboratory in Colindale, north London.

Britain's plans for control of the Aids epidemic should be based on the assumption that no effective vaccination or treatment is likely to be available for at least five years, Dr Acheson said. During that time there would be several thousand new cases.

The Aids education campaign, likely to be launched within the next few months, will involve leaflets, pamphlets, confidential telephone services and probably local and national press advertising.

Dr Acheson said the confidence must be guaranteed to patients infected with Aids or at risk, or the condition would be driven underground, increasing the risk of it spreading.

People who came forward for blood tests and were found positive must be given advice on taking out life insurance policies or mortgages, he said. The Government had set up an advisory group to consider those and other social issues.

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Seven of 10 young people have tried drugs

Nearly seven out of 10 young people have taken illegal drugs and one in 10 has tried heroin, according to a survey published yesterday.

The new weekly magazine *The Hit* interviewed 400 young people aged between 15 and 21, throughout Britain. The results showed that 68 per cent had taken illegal drugs, 52 per cent had used cannabis and 10 per cent had taken heroin. Also, 37 per cent knew someone who was on heroin.

A total of 46 per cent wanted cannabis legalized, with only 33 per cent against.

There was, however, good news for the Government's anti-heroin campaign: after seeing the advertisements, 37 per cent said they were less likely to try heroin and 41 per cent wanted heavier penalties for heroin dealers and users.

More young people are at risk from drugs because the price of heroin is dropping substantially, Mr Tom Meffen, assistant chief constable of the West Midlands police, said at the launch of an anti-drugs campaign in Birmingham.

Duke cleared of conspiracy in loans case

The Duke of Manchester was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of using his friendship with a stripper to persuade a bank manager to hand over £38,000 in loans.

The duke, aged 45, formerly Lord Angus Montagu, was acquitted of being involved in a conspiracy to obtain the money from the Streatham branch of the National Westminster Bank by using 145 counterfeit US bonds as security.

Three other men accused with him were found guilty. They will be sentenced today. The wife of one of the accused was acquitted and was discharged.

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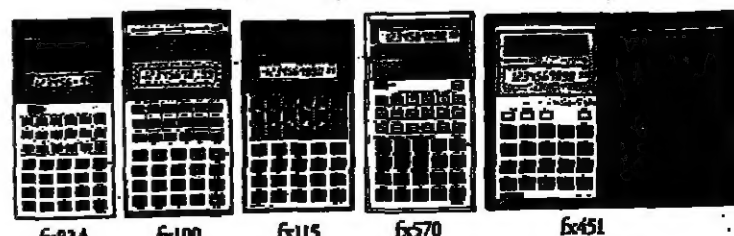
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Brittan not opposed to one body for City

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Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, disclosed to the House of Commons that he would have absolutely no objection to there being just a single body to regulate the affairs of the City.

Opening exchanges on establishing a regulatory framework for the City, Mr Michael Gyles (North West Surrey, C) told Mr Brittan that one overall regulatory body might be better than the two originally proposed.

Mr Brittan said preparation of legislation based on the Financial Services White Paper was well advanced. In the City, arrangements for setting up the new regulatory structure were in hand, under the direction of the Securities and Investment Board and the Marketing of Investments Board Organising Committee.

He added that there was a strong body of opinion that felt as Mr Gyles did.

We are awaiting the views of the SIB and MIBOC, (he added) on whether there should be one body or two. If a single body is recommended, I certainly would have absolutely no objection.

Mr Dennis Skidmore (Bolton, Lab): Will he take appropriate steps to see to it a proper inquiry is made into the Lloyds fiasco?

Mr Brittan: Disciplinary proceedings by Lloyds have been completed but in addition to that, the Director of Public Prosecutions is considering a number of matters relating to some of the affairs concerning Lloyds which have achieved publicity. That is a process which I think should be allowed to continue.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C): If the new proposals for the large companies in the City go ahead and the mergers between jobbers and brokers, there will have to be careful consideration of the whole of the law of agency to avoid conflicts of interest which can be anticipated.

Will Mr Brittan look at this very carefully in the forthcoming session?

Mr Brittan: I certainly will. The impact of any changes in the City on the law of agency is one we will want to consider. I would not want to give the impression we have reached any conclusion on it.

Mr Bryan Gould, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: His plans for regulating the City would carry serious credit risk. It took seriously the abuses and irregularities that have come to light in respect of the British Telecom flotation.

While some of these cases have rightly been referred to the DPP, it is essential with further privatisation pending that there should be a detailed inquiry into what went wrong with BT so we can all know the extent to which failures were made at the expense of the taxpayer in defiance of the Government's own rules.

Mr Brittan: The inquiries being made, to which Mr Gould is rightly referred, are appropriate. That is the right way to proceed.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C): It would be most remarkable if either the SIB or the MIBOC were to recommend a complete abolition of the City. Will Mr Brittan give serious consideration to the representations from both sides of the House during the many debates that have taken place on this?

We must have legislation which has one authoritative body in control of the regulation of the City.

Mr Brittan: I will want to give serious consideration to the point Mr Nelson makes.

Peers press ministers to delay Bill

INSOLVENCY

Peers from all parts of the House of Lords, including Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, pleaded unsuccessfully for discussion of the 573 Commons and other consequential amendments to the Insolvency Bill to be postponed until the next session of Parliament to allow time for full debate of the complex issues involved.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said the sheer volume of what had to be considered in the 114 pages of amendments would need at least three days.

Lord Denning said it was the first time since 1914 that insolvency had been the subject of a Bill. The present Bill might have to last 70 years so it had to be right. It could not be considered in one day.

Lord Mischon (Lab) said the procedure proposed was an insult to the House of Lords and those who had to practise insolvency law.

Viscount Whitlaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, said it would be impossible to make such a sudden change to procedure. He had fought hard to get the Bill introduced first in the House of Lords against opposition from his colleagues. He would be in an impossible situation if he had now to say the House could not deal with it.

Peers then went on to consider the amendments.

UK not isolated over sanctions

SOUTH AFRICA

The conclusions of the Commonwealth conference at Nassau about South Africa were designed not as a punishment or threat but as an urgent signal of the need for change and of the Commonwealth's determination to bring that about, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

In replying to an Opposition charge that on the issue of sanctions the Government had isolated Britain, Sir Geoffrey Howe said that far from being isolated, the Prime Minister was one of the architects of the Nassau agreement.

For the Opposition, Mr Denis Healey feared they were on the verge of a new and horrifying turn in the tragic cycle of events. South Africa was once regarded as a good mine for foreign investment; it was now a quagmire.

Mr Healey opened the debate on the Opposition motion regretting that the conduct of the Government over sanctions against apartheid in South Africa had isolated Britain in the Commonwealth, the EEC and the United Nations.

He congratulated the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Sir Geoffrey Howe) on his safe return from Nassau after his recent reports on his negotiations with the Prime Minister. (Laughter)

Three months had passed since the Commons had debated these issues and he had said the wind of change in southern Africa had become a hurricane. Since that time the hurricane had doubled and tripled in fury. More than 4,000 people had been arrested since the troubles began some 14 months ago; 760 people had been killed - 500 of them blacks killed by President Botha's stormtroopers.

Despite appeals from all over the world, including the British Government, the apartheid regime had hung the black poet Benjamin Mkhabela in the gallows.

It was highly significant that the violence in South Africa had now spread far beyond the black townships, into the white residential areas. One recent report was of a white man being shot because he felt it necessary.

The wiser firms involved in finance and commerce in South Africa were already pulling out. American and British banks and businesses were beginning to cut down their operations. As the Foreign Secretary had himself said, those sanctions had already had a powerful and direct impact on white opinion in South Africa.

Businessmen were not only calling for an end to apartheid but were engaged in talks with the African National Congress. Perhaps the most startling transformation was in the Dutch Reformed Church, once the seed bed of the theology of apartheid. It was planning a mission to the leaders of the ANC.

The only two people who still refused to talk to the ANC were the President of South Africa and the Prime Minister of Britain. Mrs Thatcher had become the only powerful white leader who still counted on in the outside world.

The British Government was committed to the hollow sham it called constructive engagement. The Prime Minister had described her talks with President Botha as leading to agreement on a range of issues, but President Botha had broken all those agreements, setting up a puppet government in Windhoek, Namibia, had invaded the independent state of Botswana, repeatedly invaded Angola to help rebel forces there and on one recent occasion had attacked American oil installations there. It had boasted in public that it had broken all those agreements with Mrs Thatcher.

Constructive engagement had failed. What they now needed, and what the whole world was asking for, was a policy of constructive disengagement from South Africa (Laughter).

The Prime Minister had just gone to Nassau in her most Rhine mood, or perhaps it would be more up to date to describe her as Rhineland. As on Rhodesia, Hong Kong and on talks with the Government of Eire, Mrs Thatcher had painted herself into a corner and relied on the Foreign Secretary trying to carry her out - a heavy burden for him to carry.

She had spoken of the danger of sanctions driving Dr Botha into a corner, but he was in one already, firing from behind it and there were 800 dead to prove it.

They were told that sanctions would, among other things, cause unemployment in Britain. But if they could not produce change by peaceful means, the resulting violence would cost Britain everything it possessed in South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher had infuriated blacks and whites alike by her behaviour and it was typical that she should now be in New York to lecture President Reagan on how to make friends and influence people.

Her graceless behaviour in Nassau (he went on) has gained her only six months' grace. The Commonwealth will meet in six months' time to take the next step on sanctions. There is not the slightest chance that South Africa will begin progress to reform itself within that period.

Only dialogue between the South African Government and the ANC has any hope of bringing this to an end. Mr Schultz made this point. The choice was dialogue or revolution.

I beg the Government (he said) to face this in the knowledge that our self-proposed isolationism is a source of shame to the vast majority of the British people.

Unless in six months the joint rest of the world in favour of effective sanctions against apartheid it will not only compound that shame it will carry a great responsibility for the bloodshed and anarchy which will then inevitably engulf the whole of southern Africa.

Sir Geoffrey Howe moved the Government amendment welcoming the Commonwealth statement on South Africa and especially the call, with a suspension of violence on all sides, for a process of dialogue with a view to setting up a non-racial and representative government.

He said the Government shared with the whole House total abhorrence and loathing for apartheid and wanted to see its peaceful end. Nothing could be further from the truth to say Britain was the only apostate. Commonwealth colleagues at Nassau had been deeply impressed by the strength and sincerity of the presentation of Mrs Thatcher.

There needed to be an end to violence in South Africa. That applied to both the law-enforcement techniques of the Government and the activities of the ANC. I urge the ANC (he added) to make a declaration to suspend violence to give peace a chance.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, Sir Geoffrey has advised them and urged them. Will he not meet them directly or personally in London or elsewhere to put these views?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We do not engage in a dialogue with an organization of this kind which is engaged in violence at the moment. It is for that reason that we urge them to suspend violence.

He asked the Labour Party to recognize the changes which had taken place in South Africa.

The changes already taking place in South Africa were the result of the impact on the country of market forces, economic judgments made in the world outside.

The Governments in the European Community and Commonwealth had been increasingly recognized that it was not punitive sanctions that were needed but plain political signals, properly spelled out. There had been some tough talking at Nassau about the best way to help in achieving peaceful change in South Africa, but all sides wished for and were ready to reach a common position.

Far from being isolated (he said) the Prime Minister was one of the architects of the agreement during an intensive series of weekend discussions.

A united Commonwealth had sent a clear political signal to South Africa and this represented a substantial achievement by the Commonwealth and by the British Government as a Commonwealth member.

None of that would have been possible (he said) without the courage and steady perseverance of the Prime Minister. (Some Conservative cheers and Opposition interruptions.) Like it or not, the Prime Minister's role at that conference was rightly applauded by the majority of the Government.

The accord was a plain condemnation of apartheid, of South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and its continuing raids into neighbouring states.

The cost of the action on Krugersdams was limited and the Government did not expect withdrawal of financial support in regard to trade missions and fairs to be a significant loss of new business in the context of overall trade with South Africa.

British exporters were still free to exercise their commercial judgment on trade with South Africa.

The common aim was not to send an ultimatum to South Africa, nor were they washing their hands of the problem. They wanted a dialogue to be launched, to be sustained and to succeed.

In six months there would be another meeting to review the progress made but not been made. Some governments, said, further measures would be considered.

It is our earnest hope (he continued) that at that meeting we will be able to take note of the activities of the ANC. But whatever the conclusions of the meeting, the Prime Minister has made clear that Britain is not committed to any of the further steps which other governments have agreed to consider.

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CAR INDUSTRY

It was disappointing that it had not been possible for General Motors to put more British components into their cars, Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

But we have a duty to point out (he added) that if the British component share in their product is not as high as one would like we have to ask why cannot British component manufacturers produce products which General Motors will have to recognize ought to be included in their cars on price conditions alone.

Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said "General Motors loves UK" was absurd. It ended "We seem to be a perfect match."

General Motors had told a Lords select committee that imports into the UK of foreign made car kits to be assembled here had increased more than three fold, from 51,000 in 1981 to 163,000 last year. In the meantime GM's net adverse trade balance had reached the appalling \$654 million pounds.

Far from being a perfect match (he concluded) General Motors has leached on the British market under the disguise of British labels to sell its products while exporting British jobs to the EEC.

Mr Brittan said earlier that he regretted that after lengthy discussions Vauxhall was not yet ready to go further in proving that they really were a British car producer.

There had been discussions with the multinational car companies about their sourcing policies on which there was concern.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South-East, Lab) said it had been revealed in the Dan Jones report on import penetration that two-thirds of car sales in Britain came from imports and that this had prompted the Government to push General Motors, Ford and Peugeot into making plans for investment and future manufacture here.

There had been a catastrophic fall in employment in the car industry, from half a million to a quarter of a million in the last 10 years because multinational companies like General Motors and Ford had so-called loyalty to Britain or to the British workers. Their loyalty was purely one of global strategy, of profits.

Mr Brittan did not think that analysis would help the British car industry. The causes of the fall in the proportion of British industry's supplies for cars here were more complicated. They must look at labour practices, productivity and wage claims. The progress made by Anglo British car makers, particularly British Leyland, was getting a grip of these defects had been remarkable.

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Four accused of staging cock fights after raid on lonely farm

Animal cruelty inspectors and police raided an isolated Pennine farm and found a cockfight spattered with fresh blood, a court was told yesterday.

A dying game bird, fitted with sharpened steel spurs, was hidden near the pit, which contained a number of feathers. Mr Ian Pickup, for the prosecution, told Rossendale magistrates in Lancashire.

Three other birds were found in a line of eight wooden cages at the side of the pit in an outbuilding at a farm at Whitworth, near Rochdale, Mr Pickup said.

Four men denied a total of 18 summonses brought by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in a private prosecution which alleges that they were staging cock-fighting.

The men were Mr Albert Radcliffe, aged 44, of High Barn Farm, Whitworth; Mr Peter Morton, aged 31, of Top Barn Lane, Newchurch, Rossendale; Mr Raymond Walker, aged 38, of the Pheasantry, Studley Park, Ripon, North Yorkshire; and Mr Walter Lee, aged 32, of Hadfield Road, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire.

All four pleaded not guilty to assisting in cock-fighting, using the building for the purpose, being in possession of spurs and other cock-fighting appliances and cruelly ill-treating domestic birds.

Mr Radcliffe also denied allowing the building to be used for cock-fighting and possessing the cockpit, and a further charge of causing unnecessary suffering to a bull terrier.

Mr Pickup told the court police and RSPCA inspectors went to the farm on Saturday, May 4.

Mr Alan Fisher, an RSPCA inspector, had been observing it through binoculars and saw six or seven men, including the defendants, passing between the

farm and the outbuildings. As two police officers approached, a number of people ran out.

Mr Walker was caught and, after a chase, Mr Lee and his son aged 10 were detained. Mr Pickup said Mr Radcliffe completely denied cock-fighting had been taking place.

But the pit was found, measuring about 6ft by 4ft with thick, black rubber walls 2ft to 3ft high.

Three old English game cocks were in wooden cages. They had been "dubbed": the combs on their heads and the flaps of skin under their throats had been cut off.

Their natural spurs had been cut and shaped into stumps. Mr Pickup said, to allow the fitting of artificial spurs.

Another bird in a "very distressed and injured condition" was concealed in a corner. The bird was nearly dead with injuries to its neck and body and was still fitted with a pair of artificial steel spurs tapered to a sharp point.

The frozen carcass of the bird, which had been put down, was later shown to the court still wearing its two-inch spurs.

Miss Elizabeth Terry, a veterinary surgeon who examined the bird said she thought the wounds were less than 12 hours old. My immediate thoughts were that the bird had been fighting and these injuries had been caused by a fight with another bird," she said.

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The case continues today.

RAF jet loses missile

Police and RAF teams were searching an area between RAF Honington and Great Yarmouth yesterday after a Sidewinder practice missile fell off a Phantom fighter during an exercise.

The jet was scrambled from RAF Honington near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, but when it returned ground crew noticed a missile was missing.

An RAF spokesman said yesterday that the missile did not contain explosives but that inside were some toxic batteries. Anyone finding it should not tamper with it but dial 999.

New functions for farm equipment of yesteryear

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Using the pulpit from a demolished Baptist chapel as a rostrum, Mr Paul Gooderham will auction bird scarers for use as football rattles, shoemaker's lasts as doorstops and cast iron tractor seats for conversion into bar stools in Cambridge on Saturday.

His firm, Cheffins Grain and Chalk, is one of the country's two leading auctioneers of "by-gones", the useful adjuncts of a vanished social order that are now collected as historical curiosities.

Cheffins' unpretentious sale room is surrounded by the pens used on Monday for livestock auctions on the edge of the Clifton industrial estate. A soft odour of dung hangs in the air.

Mr Gooderham is a farmer's son and it was the old farming equipment found mouldering in local barns which gave him the idea in the early 1970s of auctioning agricultural by-gones.

Saturday's sale is well supplied with the echoes of traditional farming. A milkmaid's yoke, carved from a piece of wood to fit her shoulders, with chains hanging from either side to carry buckets of milk is expected to make £20 to £30.

The same sort of sum should secure a shepherd's crook. Mr Gooderham looks at the curl of iron at the end of the wooden staff with disavour. It is mass produced: collectors prefer blacksmith-made examples.

There is a small wooden butter churn (£20-£30) and a big one on a cast iron stand from a farm dairy (£50-£70).

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By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

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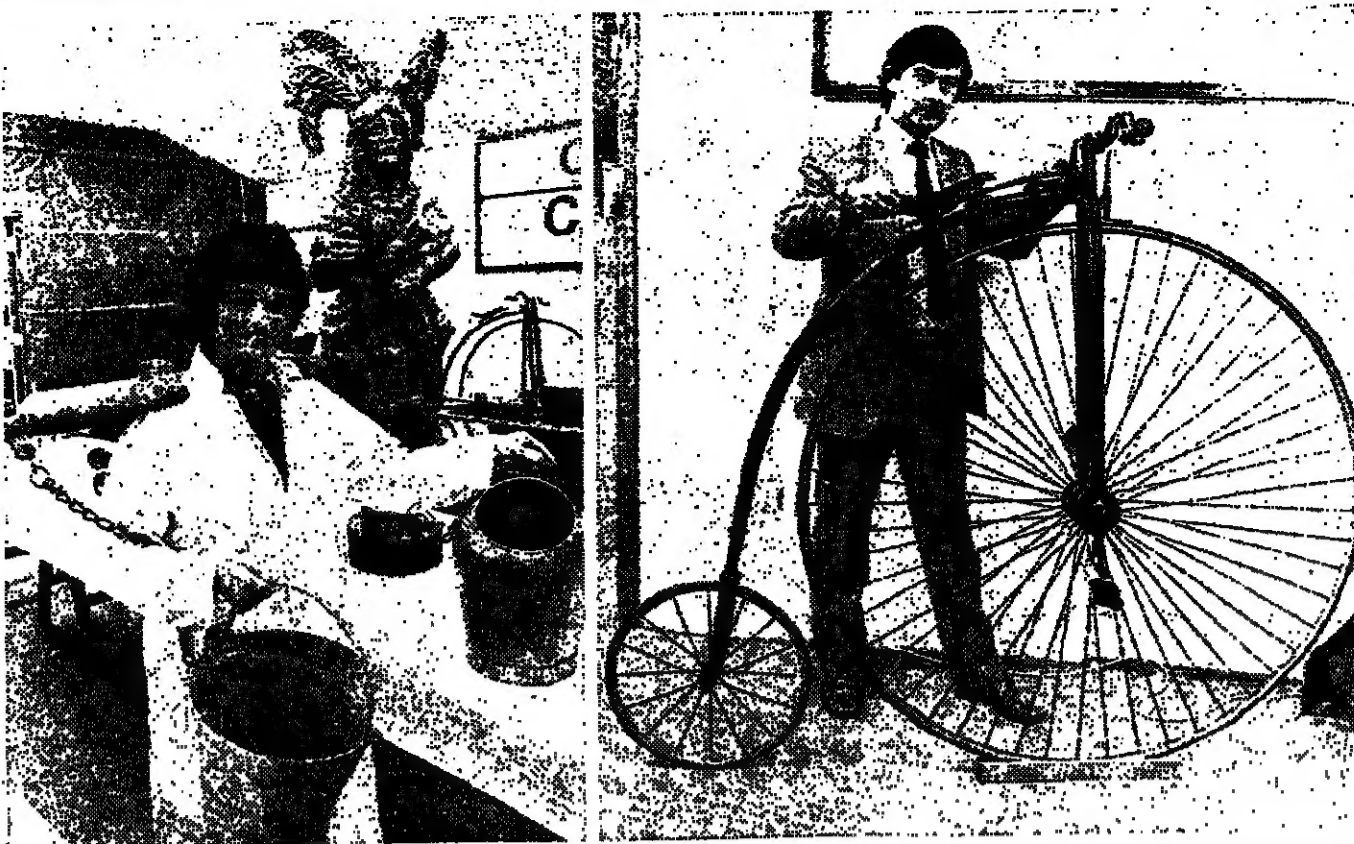
Areas of high unemployment with tourist potential could be the first to benefit from the initiative, MPs were told yesterday.

This year, out of the estimated 15 million overseas visitors to Britain, most of whom are tourists, 44 per cent will not leave London.

Lord Young of Graftonham, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons trade and industry select committee that a new British Travel Centre opening in London next April would have a "key role" in encouraging a greater dispersal of visitors to destinations outside London.

Lord Young, who believes tourism has an important role to play in creating more jobs, is also setting up regional enterprise units within his department to boost tourism.

Provincial sale spotlight



Mrs Stella Gooderham models a milkmaid's yoke and her husband, Paul, displays a penny-farthing, both of which go on sale at the Cambridge auction on Saturday (Photographs: Bill Warhurst).

Beside it stands a washer-woman's mangle. "That will only make a fiver. There is not very much interest in mangles," Mr Gooderham said.

From the farm kitchen comes an earthenware butter cooler, like a large round cheese dish and cover. The red earthenware cover, moulded with a leaf design, has a hole in its knob through which to pour cold water over the butter inside and the plate has a hole in it to

drain the water away (£10-£15).

A collection of traps provides a reminder of the constant threat posed by predators and vermin in the fields and at home.

The prize exhibit is a man trap with a spring mechanism to close the rusty iron jaws on an unsuspecting ankle. In addition to saw teeth, the jaws have ferocious metal spikes whose use was made illegal in 1840. It is expected to make

£250 to £300.

A whole section is devoted to cast iron seats from tractors and other heavy farm equipment. They are generally of openwork design.

Many manufacturers incorporated their name in the openwork design. While average examples raise about £10 to £20, very rare names have made as much as £200.

The cast iron shoemakers' lasts, little inverted feet on cast

iron pedestals of which there is a box full (£10-£15), are now used as doorstops, he says, then noisily whistles two of the wooden bird scarers from a group of three (£5-£10): "They are brought as football rattles."

Cheffins Grain and Chalk, 2 Clifton Road, Cambridge, Tel: (0223) 358721. Sale of domestic and rural by-gones, October 26 at 10.30am. Viewing Friday 2pm to 7pm and on the morning of the sale from 9am.

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The Times sales show 10% increase

Sales of *The Times* during the past six months showed a bigger increase than those of any other national daily or Sunday newspaper according to figures from the independent Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Average circulation during April-September was 475,707 copies a day, an increase of 10.68 per cent on the same period last year.

Sales of all other national dailies fell, with the exception of *The Guardian*, which rose by 2.97 per cent to an average daily sale of 480,697.

Compared with 1983 figures, the increase in *The Times* of more than 25 per cent is by far the largest of any national daily. Over the same period *The Guardian* rose by 8.78 per cent, *The Star* by 5.84 per cent, and the *Daily Mail* by 0.46 per cent. All other national dailies declined.

Firemen warn student hoaxers

Colchester firemen have said that they might close residential tower blocks at Essex University in an effort to prevent student pranksters endangering lives.

The fire service has threatened not to renew the annual fire licence for the tower blocks, which house first year students, after a number of hoax calls to the campus.

Leoni interview

Police hunting the killer of Leoni Keating, aged three, were interviewing a man who came forward yesterday after police issued his photograph. Suffolk police said: "We would like to stress that this man did come forward of his own free will."

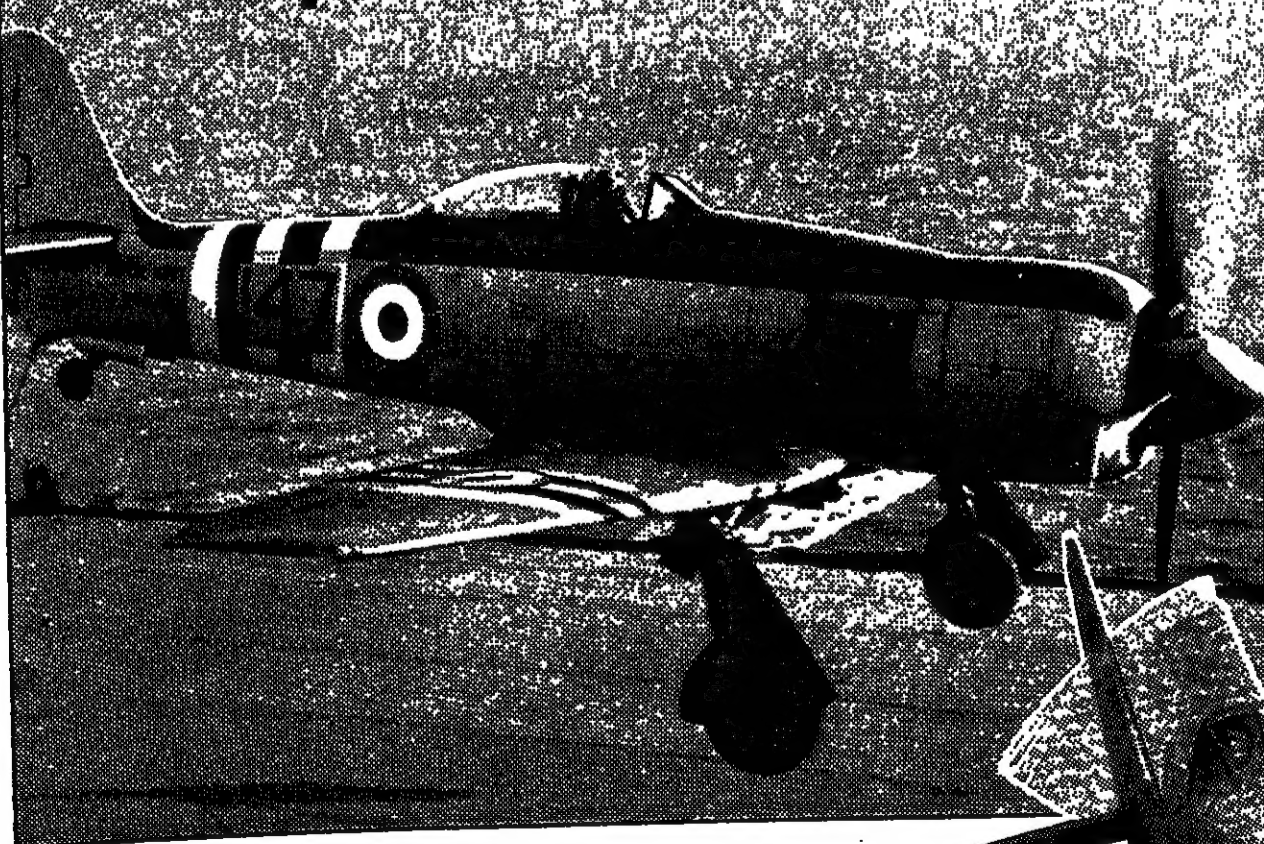
£20m gas grants

The Government has agreed to pay £20 million in compensation grants to households in Northern Ireland for loss of their gas supply. About 80,000 homes in the province will be affected by the changeover to new sources of energy.

Rail discipline

The train driver who crashed an engine through a bridge and left it dangling above a busy main road in Stoke on Trent is to be disciplined, British Rail said yesterday.

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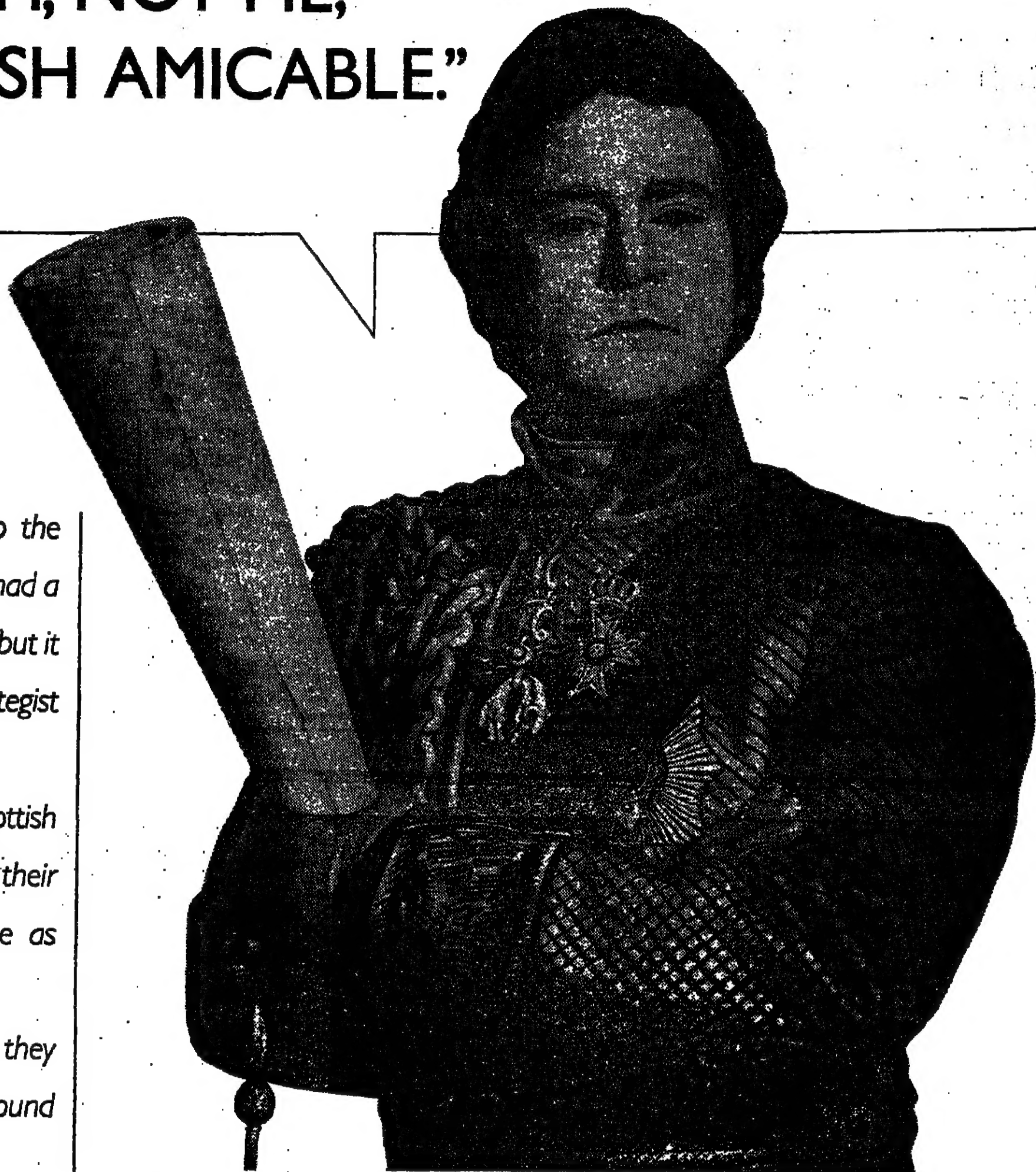
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Washington denies Israel raid on PLO was described as terrorist act

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The US State Department has denied that Mr John Whitehead, Deputy Secretary of State, had described an Israeli attack on the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) headquarters near Tunis as a terrorist act.

The department had spoken to Mr Whitehead, and he had said he did not describe the Israeli raid as a terrorist attack, a department spokesman said yesterday. "He did not intend to imply that it was such an act, his statement should not be read to suggest otherwise," the spokesman added, but declined further comment.

Mr Whitehead said at a news conference in Tunis on Wednesday at the end of a fence-mending tour of Tunisia, Egypt and

Italy, that President Reagan deeply regretted the Israeli attack. He was then reported also to have said: "The bombing surprised and shocked Americans as much as it did Tunisians." He was further quoted as saying: "We deplore it, as we deplore all acts of terrorism wherever they may occur." The State Department spokesman here said he did not have the transcript of Mr Whitehead's press conference.

In earlier statements on the Israeli raid, the Reagan Administration had been careful to distinguish between deploring all acts of violence in the Middle East and supporting self-defence against terrorism.

Immediately after the raid, President Reagan told reporters that Israel had the right to

retaliate against the PLO headquarters for a PLO attack killing three Israelis in Cyprus. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, then in New York, said the Administration deplored all violence, including the raid.

The next day the White House drew back from its earlier defence of the Israeli attack as a "legitimate response", saying instead that the strike was "understandable" and an expression of self-defence.

President Reagan then also sent a personal message to "sincere condolences" to President Bourguiba of Tunisia, over the loss of life. The White House said: "Our sympathies are with the people of Tunisia," significantly omitting any mention of the Palestinian victims.

Sinai killings strain Egypt links

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The unexplained and unpunished murder of seven Israelis in the Sinai earlier this month is severely straining relations with Egypt, Mr Moshe Arens, the acting Israeli Foreign Minister, told the Knesset yesterday. He said that if an official explanation was not produced quickly and the man who shot the Israelis was not punished, the affair would overshadow relations for a long time.

Mr Arens heightened the tone over the affair and showed considerable irritation that it is almost three weeks since Egypt promised a prompt report.

It was not more than six years since Israel paid a high price - "I think too high" - for peace with Egypt, he said. Israel was doing all it could to improve relations, but those who thought that this always had to include tolerance towards Egyptian violations were wrong.

Israel wanted a full, stable and long-term relationship, "but without goodwill from the Egyptians and a recognition of their interest in fulfilling their commitment, we will not be able to succeed", he said.

As a first essential step he called for the immediate return to Israel of the Egyptian Ambassador. Mubarak has promised a full report of the official findings on the Sinai shooting, but so far the only details of the background have been printed in the Egyptian opposition paper, *Al-Ahali*, which claimed that the shooting was carried out by Suleiman Abdel Hamid Khater, aged 24, a soldier from the village of Baher el-Bakr, near Alexandria, where 47 children were killed in an Israeli air strike in 1970.

Party split on Portuguese presidency

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Portugal's Social Democrats will support Senhor Diogo Freitas do Amaral for president in the January elections, the party's national committee

The choice was strongly opposed by several leading Social Democrats, including a former prime minister Senhor Francisco Pinto Balsemão. The Social Democrat president of the regional government of Madeira, Senhor João Jardim, called for the island's voters to boycott the election in protest.

The Social Democrat prime minister-designate, Senhor Cavaco Silva, firmly supported the choice. Senhor Cavaco Silva is putting together a minority cabinet based on the election results on October 7, in which his party came first, and Socialists under the outgoing Prime Minister, Dr Mario Soares, were defeated.

ELECTION RESULTS

1985	%	1983	%
Seats	Vote	Seats	Vote
Social Democrats 68	29.8	73	27.0
Socialists 57	20.8	100	36.4
Democratic Renewal 45	18.0	-	-
United People's Alliance 38	15.6	44	18.2
Christian Democrats 22	9.7	29	12.4

● The United People's Alliance includes the Communist Party

The number of seats each party will have is official, but percentages are provisional



Richard Ramirez, who is accused of 14 counts of murder in the "Night Stalker" killings, appearing in court in Los Angeles to ask for a change of attorney.

MEPs' warning on reform

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

The European Parliament yesterday demanded the final say on planned reform of the Common Market institution, and warned of a "period of strain" between Strasbourg and Brussels if the demand was not met.

On Tuesday EEC foreign ministers in Luxembourg told the president of the Strasbourg Assembly, M Pierre Pflimlin that the European Parliament would be "consulted" over the reforms but could not have a decisive say. The undertaking to submit proposals to Strasbourg did not mean that the Parliament could accept or reject them, only that it would be informed about them.

Yesterday's resolution, coming after a day of debate on the meaning of the word "submit" and other constitutional niceties, insisted that the word could only mean, that the Parliament would be required to examine, if necessary to amend and finally to vote on the draft.

The reforms are being elaborated within the framework of the Intergovernmental

Conference, which in effect means sessions of EEC ministers.

The parliament has little time to make its views felt between now and the December summit, and in any case has no power to invoke them. The issues at stake include the powers of the parliament, powers of the commission in Brussels, the free movement of goods and people across fron-

tiers, as well as the coordination of European foreign policy. The parliament resolution said that any new treaty giving the council of ministers foreign policy powers would destroy community solidarity and prove "a perpetual hindrance to the functioning of all community institutions".

M Jacques Delors, the Commission president, came from Brussels to try to pacify Euro MPs, and was politely received, but clashed with the chamber over whether or not the Parliament could be granted more extensive powers over the annual budget and other key issues. Euro MPs received welcome support yesterday from Herr Richard von Weizsäcker, the West German president, who in an address to the assembly said the Parliament should play a bigger role because the EEC intended to be "a democratic community".

The ciadel could not be taken by storm, however, and the Parliament's powers would increase gradually as Europe progressed toward full union.



President Weizsäcker backing parliament

Opposition in NZ rocked by power battle

From Richard Long Wellington

A power struggle rocking New Zealand opposition National Party took an extraordinary turn yesterday when the party's ruling executive expelled two officials closely associated with the former leader, Sir Robert Muldoon.

The Party president, Mrs Sue Wood, said the executive had decided to expel the officials for "acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the party". The decision follows a campaign by supporters of the former prime minister to return Sir Robert, defeated in the snap election of July last year and subsequently ousted from the leadership, to the leadership of the National Party.

The campaign has rocked the party and weakened the standing of the party leader Mr Jim McLay, who ironically reached an all-time low in the polls yesterday at the same time as the party took action against his tormentors.

Mr McLay received only 2.6 per cent public support in the nationwide Hocken poll (down from 4.3 per cent in last month's poll) while Sir Robert Muldoon remained solid with 20 per cent support and the prime minister, Mr David Lange, on 32 per cent.

Suspended from party membership were Dr Ian Shearer, a former minister in Sir Robert's administration and now chairman of Sir Robert's Auckland constituency of Tamaki, and Mrs Margaret Quinn, a deputy chairman of the South Island constituency Methven and another vociferous Muldoon supporter.

● Island review: New Zealand will review its relationship with the tiny semi-independent South Pacific island state of Niue in a bid to stop all the islanders moving to New Zealand, officials said (Reuters reports).

French fly out party for nuclear bomb test

From Susan MacDonald Paris

For the first time France has decided to dispense with secrecy in a nuclear test in the South Pacific. After an announcement yesterday the Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, and other politicians joined the Minister of Defence, M Paul Quilès, on a Concorde trip to Mururoa Atoll for a test widely believed to be taking place today.

Breaking tradition with France's normal reticence on the timing of tests, the Defence Minister announced that he would be flying out and had invited representatives of other political parties to join him. Nine Socialist and Opposition politicians, with M Haroun Tazieff, Secretary of State for the Prevention of Natural Catastrophes, accepted his invitation. The Communists declined.

A group of ten journalists left earlier, having, it is understood, signed pledges not to reveal beforehand the time of the test.

The attendance of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence is in line with their recent affirmations that French nuclear tests in the South Pacific must not be threatened. ● The Communist-led trade union, the CGT, has called for a day of action today in protest against government policies on unemployment, redundancies and the fall in purchasing power.

Although there are likely to be disruptions in different sectors, it is expected that transport, especially trains, and electricity will be most affected. A 24-hour train strike is being declared; CGT drivers represent over 40 per cent of the workforce. The buses and Underground should be less affected. A 24-hour strike call has also gone out at the Paris airports.

Greek fury at Turkish and US overflights

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece is reacting vigorously against violations of its airspace by American and Turkish warplanes taking part in a joint US-Turkish exercise in the central Aegean.

According to a Greek Government spokesman, strong protests were lodged with Turkey, yesterday, both in Athens and Ankara because two formations of Turkish military aircraft had infringed Greek sovereignty.

From tomorrow, 23,000,000 French telephones have a new number.

At 2300hrs tomorrow, the 25th of October, the French Telecommunications Administration is changing its telephone numbering system.

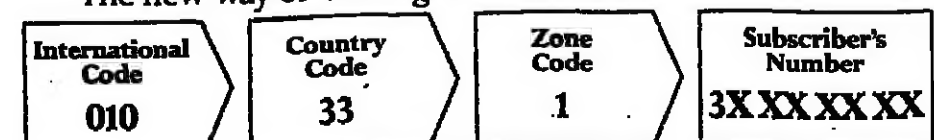
For the Provinces, you dial the same as before. The old Area Code is joined to the subscriber's telephone number, so all numbers now have eight digits.

And for Paris, a new Zone Code (1) has been introduced. The old Area Codes now become part of the subscriber's number.

The old way of dialling outer Paris (old Area Codes 3 and 6):

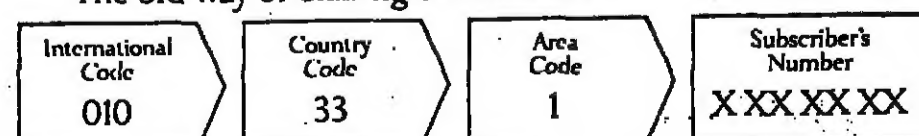


The new way of dialling outer Paris:



The only exception is central Paris, where the Area Code is currently 1. The subscriber's number will now be prefixed by 4.

The old way of dialling central Paris:



The new way of dialling central Paris:



These changes to the numbering system in France do not affect telex messages.

If you require any additional information on these changes, dial 100 and ask for Freefone BTI. You will then receive an explanatory leaflet in your post.

Alternatively, if you are still not sure what to dial or you are having difficulty getting through on a particular number, dial 155 and the International Operator will be pleased to help you.

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Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Mrs Thatcher is unlikely to be the only allied leader urging President Reagan at his meeting in New York today to make at least a restatement of Western disarmament proposals. But she will certainly be the most pressing.

The subject was a major topic of discussion a week ago when Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, met Nato foreign ministers in Brussels. He had gone there to reassure them about Mr Reagan's negotiating tactics at his summit meeting with Mr Gorbachev in Geneva on November 19 and 20. Mr Shultz's mission was partially successful, but he encountered insistent demands for counter-proposals to the dramatic propositions put forward by Mr Gorbachev.

These demands were led by Britain. Not all Nato countries joined the pressure. The French and Belgians attached less importance to the United States getting in its retaliation before the summit, and appeared to be sceptical about the feasibility of doing so within the time scale.

The West Germans seemed to take a position in between, though at the meeting of WEU (the Western European Union) the following day they were in the forefront of those demanding new proposals. The Dutch were also eager for the Americans to come up with something, though not before the Netherlands has to take its own decision on the deployment of cruise missiles on November 1.

Timing clearly presents a problem. It would be impossible to get new proposals through the American bureaucracy in time to put them on the negotiating table at Geneva before the present round of arms control talks ends in early November.

It would be exceedingly difficult to do so before the summit itself. Hence the talk of a restatement, or repackaging, of earlier proposals — perhaps

with some reworking of the figures to take account of Mr Gorbachev's ideas.

The value of this would be essentially presentational, but presentations of the American position is now causing anxiety to all Western governments. The summit has taken on a double significance. At one level it is a potentially critical engagement in the disarmament process. At another level it is coming to be seen as the battleground for European hearts and minds.

Nobody is quite sure at this stage whether Mr Gorbachev is equally interested in both levels. But his latest disarmament proposals and his skilful attention to publicity during his visit to Paris three weeks ago show that he is certainly making a serious bid for European opinion.

There is not just the risk of unfavourable comparisons being drawn between the ageing American President and the new, vigorous and much younger Soviet leader. There is the still greater danger of Mr Reagan giving the impression of an American Molotov, forever saying no to every constructive proposition from the other side.

So, according to Mrs Thatcher and other, it is imperative not to leave all the initiative with Mr Gorbachev. If President Reagan could claim international attention with his proposals, then Mr Gorbachev would either have to acknowledge them as a basis for negotiation or take his turn at saying no.

This seems to me sound reasoning so long as anything that purports to be a fresh statement looks sufficiently fresh. But even if Mr Reagan accepts this thinking, it will not remove all potential difficulties between the US and its allies.

There remain the more substantive differences over the Strategic Defence Initiative. The principal message that Mr Shultz took to Brussels last week was that the US would abide by the more restrictive interpretation of the ABM treaty. This means that before deploying SDI the US would not only consult its allies but also negotiate with the Soviet Union.

This was welcome news to European governments. But there is still a misunderstanding between them and the US that could be of some significance. European governments interpret a commitment to negotiate as meaning that the US will not deploy without the agreement of the Soviet Union. The US means simply that it will talk with the Soviet Union before deploying.

Such misunderstandings need to be resolved if Mr Gorbachev is not to win the propaganda battle in Geneva.



Children from a primary school being escorted across a road in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, yesterday as a barricade of tyres burns in the background.

Summit remedy for troubled world

From Nicholas Ashford

Nassau
Commonwealth leaders were packing their bags yesterday at the end of their summit meeting which Sir Lynden Pindling, the Bahamas Prime Minister, described as a great success and a "confirmation of the Commonwealth as a free association of nations."

Although the seven-day meeting was dominated by the debate on South Africa, the

heads of government did find time to grapple with a number of pressing issues.

These included drug trafficking, terrorism, the vulnerability of small states, international debt, aid, and the growing threat of protectionism.

The meeting approved three separate statements: an accord on southern Africa, which contains a Commonwealth plan of action to move South Africa from apartheid to majority rule;

a declaration on world order which expresses Commonwealth support for the United Nations, and concern at the drift from multilateralism to nationalism; and a final communiqué.

The 73-clause communiqué adds to the criticism of South Africa contained in the accord which was approved earlier in the week.

It condemns South Africa for delaying Namibia's indepen-

dence, and for its attempts to destabilize neighbouring states. It calls for the immediate withdrawal of South African forces from Angola and for Pretoria to end all assistance to dissident groups in Angola and Mozambique.

The communiqué is critical of French policy in the South Pacific.

It endorses a recent Commonwealth report on the vulnerability of small states,

and urges the UN to strengthen its capacity to safeguard them.

Concerned at the "grave threat" posed by protectionism, the communiqué affirms the importance of convening a new round of multilateral trade negotiations within the framework of GATT.

It was agreed that the next summit will be held in two years' time in Canada, probably in Vancouver.

Commonwealth concern over terror and drugs

The following is a partial text of the Commonwealth conference final communiqué.

Disarmament
Heads of government welcomed the reactivation of bilateral arms talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. They urged the need to prevent a new and uncontrolled arms race in outer space.

Most heads of government stressed the urgent need for earnest effort to be made for an immediate halt to the testing of nuclear weapons.

Small states
Heads of government welcomed the (Commonwealth) report "Vulnerability: Small states in a global society". They stressed the particular problems being faced by small land-locked states in southern Africa, especially at this time, and the need for increased assistance for domestic and regional efforts to overcome their transportation problems.

Central America
Heads of government were gravely concerned by the continuing tension in Central America. They expressed their continuing support for the Contadora group's efforts to promote a dialogue with the aim of finding lasting solutions to the region's problem. They urged all states to refrain from carrying out, supporting or promoting political, economic or military actions which might aggravate the situation in the region, and particularly in Nicaragua.

Middle East
Heads of government noted with deep concern that the tensions arising from the unresolved problems of the Middle East, especially the Palestinian issue, continued to pose a grave threat to international

peace and security. They stressed the need to intensify efforts to achieve a settlement on the basis of relevant United Nations resolutions, Israel's withdrawal from territories occupied since 1967 and recognition of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to a national homeland, as well as the rights of all states in the region to live in peace within secure borders.

They hoped that the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement of February 1985, would assist progress towards a framework for durable peace.

Most heads of government reaffirmed their view that the Palestinian Liberation Organization, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, must be involved on an equal footing in negotiations for a settlement.

Terrorism
Heads of government were deeply concerned at the growing incidence of terrorism world-wide with its increasing toll on innocent lives. They condemned all terrorist activities whether perpetrated by individuals, groups or states, and resolved to counter them by every means possible. They in particular acknowledged the duty of governments to refrain from acts of, and encouragement to, terrorism in support of other states, and to resist the demands of terrorists, including demands for safe haven.

They urged the media to exercise due care in reporting on all forms of terrorist activity so as to avoid giving unwitting support to terrorism.

World economic situation
Heads of government expressed concern at the continuing difficult world economic situation and its impact on developing countries. They recognized that there were

positive features such as the control of inflation and a recovery in output in most developed countries. However, they also noted that the recovery had generally slowed down. They were concerned at the fragility and unevenness of the recovery and its failure, so far, to benefit most parts of the developing world. In spite of progress made on some fronts, there were deep uncertainties about economic prospects.

Heads of government noted that the economic position of the vast majority of developing countries remained grave, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, with per capita incomes falling from levels which were already seriously inadequate.

International trade
They noted with concern that the benefits of the recovery in world trade had not been widely shared. Commodity prices had fallen, worsening the terms of trade of many commodity exporting countries. They regretted the lack of progress in the negotiation of international commodity agreements and in establishing a common fund. They also called for improved access to the IMF's compensatory financing facility to offset export earnings instability.

Heads of government noted with serious concern that there had been an alarming increase in protectionist barriers outside the GATT and a proliferation of discriminatory trade practices. Protectionism was a grave threat to world economic growth and resumption of progress on trade liberalization was urgently needed.

Heads of government therefore affirmed the importance of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations in the GATT in helping to restore confidence in the multilateral

system and reverse protectionism. They noted the statement by the GATT contracting parties that a preparatory process in the proposed new round of multilateral trade negotiations had now been initiated and they looked forward to an early agreement on an agenda and a timetable for the new round.

Drug abuse and illicit trafficking
Heads of government were deeply concerned at the rising incidence of drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking that was seriously threatening the social fabric and security of many countries. They recognized that it called for a wide range of responses, including urgent attention to problems affecting young persons and to the rehabilitation of its victims. They agreed that government should co-operate, both to counter the international traffic in illicit drugs and to deny to those convicted of drug trafficking the proceeds of their crime and looked to the early implementation of a scheme for enhanced co-operation between Commonwealth countries in this regard.

Heads of government were also disturbed by the extent to which the profits made by drug traffickers were used in criminal and subversive activities often across international borders. They invited Commonwealth law ministers to explore measures to counter this trend. While supporting the work of existing international organizations in the field of narcotics controls, heads of government welcomed the proposal of the United Nations Secretary-General for the convening of an international conference at a high political level in 1987 to deal with all aspects of drug abuse and trafficking and expressed the hope that action would be expedited on the related proposed new convention.

Shops are wrecked by Cape rioters

From A Correspondent Johannesburg

Rioters switched their attacks to a suburban shopping centre at Krailfontein, near Cape Town on Tuesday night, causing damage estimated at £350,000. Two shops were destroyed by petrol bombs and several others damaged.

A man was arrested for questioning on the shopping centre attack, and 36 others were arrested in black and coloured townships after petrol bomb attacks on houses and cars.

A white man was taken into protective custody yesterday after he attacked a car carrying the Rev Allan Boesak to a magistrates' court at Malmesbury, north of Cape Town. The elderly man kicked and punched the car and tried to fight with people who were cheering Dr Boesak when the court adjourned, but riot police seized him and drove him off in a van.

Dr Boesak applied to the magistrate to relax 10 restrictions imposed on him by his bail order, including the impounding of his passport and restriction on his movements outside this home area. He asked that they be replaced with only two conditions: that he give an undertaking not to interfere with witnesses, and another not to act as described in the charge sheet, which accuses him of propagating business and school boycotts, promoting disinvestment and attending an illegal gathering.

Dr Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, was asked about his remark that "in the actions of the Government we see the spiritual children of Hitler". He replied that it was "fact" that the roots of Afrikaaner nationalism and its academic tradition were tied to the philosophical roots of Nazi Germany.

Seven ministers of the four branches of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa are preparing to travel to Lusaka for talks with the African National Congress ANC, in spite of a warning from President Botha that the visit would amount to "defiance of the state". But it is still doubtful whether the visit will take place.

Like the Stellenbosch University students who tried to go to Lusaka last week, the ministers risk having their passports impounded.

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Spain opens talks on American troop and base withdrawals

Talks between United States and Spanish officials began here yesterday over the declared desire of Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, to bring about a reduction in American troop levels and bases in this country.

Señor González had originally wanted to obtain a token start to full-scale negotiations before the NATO referendum promised for next spring. This, it was thought, would improve his chances of obtaining a majority vote for Spain remaining in the alliance.

But the Reagan Administration made clear to him in Washington last month it wants first to see the outcome of the referendum before agreeing to any substantive negotiations.

What started yesterday were exploratory talks on the two countries' future contributions to Western defence, with Spain's NATO role obviously in the background. Señor González has argued that the modernization of Spain's armed forces now justifies a reduction of American troop strength, with

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

some of the tasks they perform transferred to Spaniards. Under a 1982 agreement on bilateral defence co-operation the United States has more than 14,000 service and civilian personnel stationed in Spain, with four main bases: Rota, near Cadiz, used by the US Navy, and three air force bases at Torrejón, near Madrid, and Zaragoza and Morón, near Cadiz.

Use by NATO of the training facilities at the Zaragoza base must almost inevitably surface in the preliminary talks.

The existing levels of tension around the Mediterranean appear likely to make the Americans more reluctant to listen to Spanish requests for withdrawals. Some reports here indicate that the Reagan Administration may even seek to increase the US military presence in Spain.

Among the tasks of the United States' forces stationed here is also surveillance of Soviet activity in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic approaches. Both the Zaragoza and Morón bases have US

aircraft available for refuelling planes in mid-air to help operations outside Europe.

Financial provision for holding the referendum has now been disclosed by the Government to a parliamentary committee examining next year's Budget. The NATO debate in Parliament, during which Señor González is expected to announce the referendum's date has been set for early December.

Señor Manuel Fraga, the Opposition leader, who has been showing a shift in his attitude to the referendum, is due to see Lord Carrington, the NATO Secretary General, in Belgium today. Originally opposing the referendum, he has now promised that to help the government he will not campaign for a "No" vote.

A Spanish Socialist MP who attended the recent NATO parliamentary assembly meeting in the US warned publicly yesterday of the economic and political consequences for this country of abandoning the Alliance now.



A nurse, Cheryl Osborne, holding Siamese twins, Shiva (left) and Meera Ramkhalawan at the Sick Kids' Hospital, Toronto. The two, from Trinidad, are to be separated.

Growing doubts about India's five-day week

From A Special Correspondent, Delhi

Only three months after it was introduced to provide rest and recreation for hard-pressed Indian bureaucrats, there are growing doubts about the five-day working week.

The reform, which reduced the number of days worked in central Government ministries and sub-offices from six, was brought in with the hope that efficiency would improve in a bureaucracy renowned for its slow operations.

An added attraction for the Government was that overheads would be cut with offices shut for the weekend, though the workers have had to pay a price - an extra hour on each working day.

But the merits of the change and whether it really will increase efficiency are now the subject of heated debate. Critics suggest that until India improves its work ethic by insisting on punctuality, scheduling and monitoring of jobs, the reform will never achieve its aims.

Some also argue that with a climate that is hot and humid for much of the year it may be impossible to reach western levels of efficiency.

The reform suggested, non too subtly, that the country had at long last "emerged" and could now adopt or ape the practices of the West in line with the dream of the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, of taking India into the 21st century. But the reformers reckoned without city transport problems or the ingrained habits of the Indian male.

Working women were among the first to complain. Long hours - from 9am to 6pm with half an hour for lunch - meant an earlier start in the home, leaving them hard-pressed to finish housework before leaving for the office.

Without Western labour-saving devices and with housework remaining, even in most middle-class homes, the preserve of the woman, the chores are both time-consuming and hard physical work.

One working woman, whose family can afford servants, said: "Instead of getting up at 5am, they find they must get up an hour earlier so that all their jobs are finished. Some are in effect doing the equivalent of two jobs, which is not helped by appalling travelling problems."

The commuting problems - some people travel for up to three hours to work - have given the Government most complaints.

In Delhi, the Minister of Personnel and Training has been inundated with protests about travel difficulties. A circular to all ministries says that the matter must be investigated and speedy efforts made to overcome the problem.

People are also questioning whether Indians know what to do with the extra time off, especially when recreational facilities are few.

An official in Personnel and Training has promised that each ministry will have its own rest house for employees' use, but until then, with limited recreation facilities and resorts expensive, most will indulge in the two perennially popular Indian pastimes, watching television or going to cinema.

Will the reform prove a five-day wonder? Already two Delhi institutions, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and Doordarshan, a television station, have reverted to the six-day week. There are signs that several states are no longer so anxious to follow the trail-blazing path set by central Government.

China shows signs of tilt towards the US

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Despite a visit to Peking by the Bolshoi Ballet, China's new policy of even-handedness in dealings with the Soviet Union and the United States shows signs of tipping towards the latter after the visit of Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President.

Chinese officials are understood to be moderately pleased with Mr Bush's visit, which gave them the opportunity to voice their concern at developments in American foreign policy, especially the growing wave of protectionism.

At the same time, the officials let it be known that there was no significant progress in the talks with Mr Leonid Ilyichev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, which were going on while Mr Bush was in Peking.

The Chinese position is still that the Soviet Union must modify its policies in Indo-China and Afghanistan, and pull back troops from the Chinese border in the north, before substantial progress can be made in normalization of Sino-Soviet relations.

Other important developments in Chinese foreign policy this month have been the visit to Peking by Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and yesterday's announcement that talks will soon be resumed with India on the frontier problem.

China has been pursuing a relatively low-profile foreign policy over the past year or so, evidently to improve relations with other big powers while preserving its own independence.

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, told Mr Bush that China does not seek to align itself with any superpower.

Mr Zhao is expected to lay out China's foreign policy in detail in his forthcoming speech to the United Nations general assembly in New York. He is likely to emphasize Rejing's opposition to the occupation of Cambodia by Soviet-backed Vietnamese forces.

China's diplomatic low profile seems to be partly a recognition of the need to achieve a stronger military force which will take at least a decade of internal reforms and limited arms purchases from the advanced countries. Meanwhile her priorities are economic growth under the seventh five-year plan which goes into effect in 1986, and development of her own science and technology.

Battle royal joined in Washington

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The royal visit to Washington next month will be a massacre. It will deal remorseless social death to hundreds of Washingtonians. The capital today presents the unseemly spectacle of American Republicans scrambling for an invitation to dine with the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Not to get in is to die. The priceless maundy of an invitation bestows upon its recipient the accolade of "in" with a capital "I". The invitations themselves make shams of mantelpieces and cast a glow through the houses of the socially ennobled.

According to the White House, which is hosting one of the dinners, "everyone and his dog wants to get in".

Those who are "out" are planning to do the decent thing during the royal visit, to go to Alaska or even to Canada. To be in town, uninvited to a royal

bash, is to be exquisitely mortified. Now, of all times, a socially ambitious woman knows if she married correctly. Washington has become a city of tense breakfasts.

By all accounts the hosts of dinners and receptions during the four-day visit are being badgered for the ultimate favour. Socialites seeking invitations are said to be offering up to \$100,000 (£70,000) to the National Gallery of Art, which is staging one of the functions.

But the British Embassy, where the royal couple will be staying, has put it about that the surest way not to be invited to the dinner there is to ring up and beg.

But Americans are fascinated by the glamour and pageantry of the Royal Family and Washington is enjoying its tizzy. There is no need to ask what you can give to the man or woman who has everything.

Surrender by Peru guerrillas

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Lima (Reuters) - Fifty-one Maoist guerrillas disenchanted with the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) leadership have surrendered to security forces in Peru's south-eastern Ayacucho state, the military command said.

A communiqué said that the guerrillas, together with 64 women and 59 children, surrendered in La Mar province, 425 miles from the Peruvian capital.

It was the first report of Sendero defections in the guerrilla movement's five-year struggle. The military statement said the rebels surrendered because of fatigue and frustration at Sendero leadership's failure to keep promises.

The communiqué said the rebels were former peasants who More than 6,000 people have died since 1980, when Sendero's leadership launched its fight for a Maoist-style republic in Peru.

Filipino governor killed in ambush

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Gunmen shot dead a southern Philippines governor, Mr Gregorio Murillo, with a single bullet in the head, in a roadside ambush at dawn yesterday, police reported.

He is the highest-ranking provincial government official to be killed this year. Police said they believed his killers were members of a death squad of the Communist New People's Army.

Hours later, President Marcos, calling the murdered governor a "leader in the fight against Communism", urged all local officials to take extra precautions to protect themselves against the rebels.

Mr Murillo, aged 58, the governor of Surigao del Sur Province, was shot dead inside his car at an intersection in Tandag, 300 miles south-east of Manila, after it was blocked by another vehicle carrying several

unidentified men, the state-run Philippine News Agency (PNA) said.



Cup leaders beaten by British bridge women

From A Bridge Correspondent, São Paulo

Although the British women were in fourth place after Tuesday's first match, they still seemed likely to be in the top two by the end of the first round robin in round 6. They won a hard-fought match against the leaders, USA 2, by 16-14. At this stage USA 2 led with 93, Argentina were three points behind on 90, with Australia 82

and Great Britain 79. Rankings: USA 2 112, Argentina 101, Australia 96, Taiwan 89, Great Britain 87, Brazil 84, India 68, Venezuela 65. Host country Brazil were forging ahead in the Bermuda Bowl after six rounds: Brazil 117, Argentina 102, Israel 102, Indonesia 93, Canada 89, Venezuela 74, New Zealand 63.

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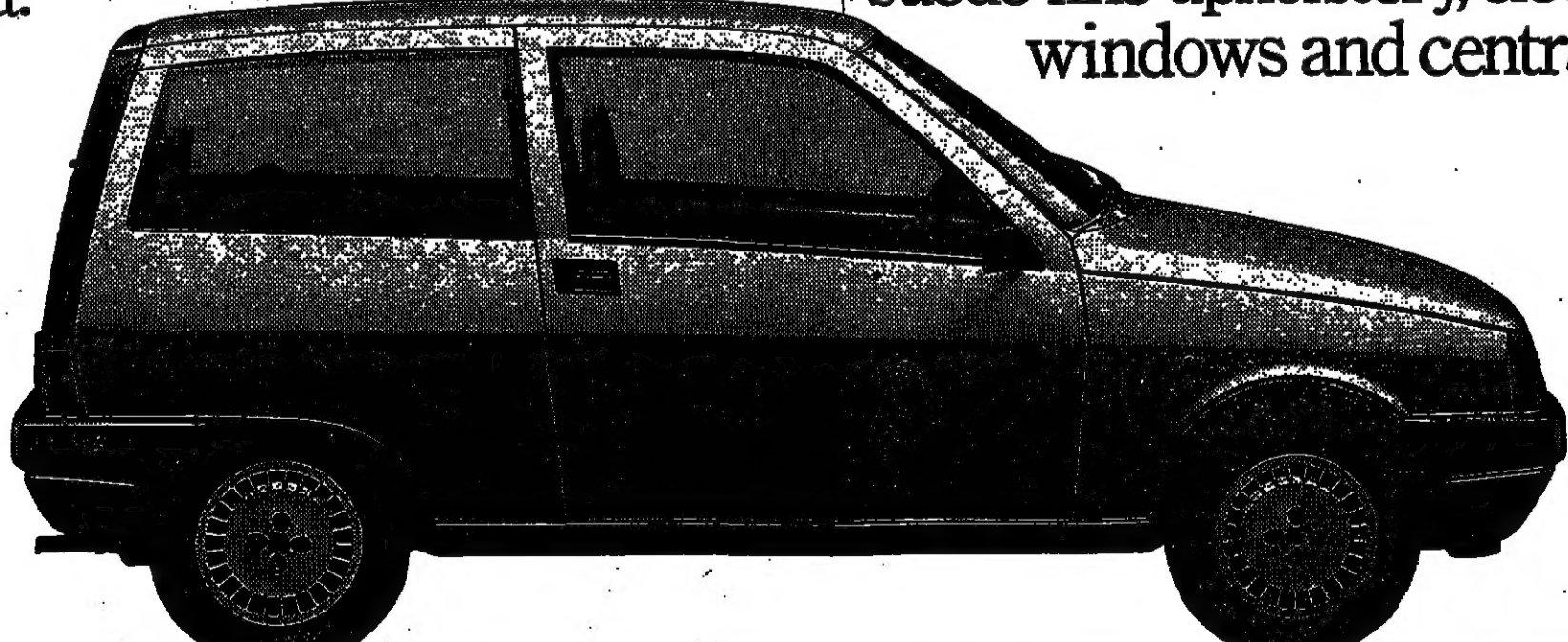
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EEC rebuff for Gorbachov on direct talks with Comecon

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

The EEC yesterday gave a polite rebuff to the Soviet leader Mr Mikhail Gorbachov over his offer of direct talks with Comecon, while at the same time giving a cautious welcome to the prospect of continued dialogue between the two economic blocs.

The European Parliament was told by Mr Willy de Clercq, the Brussels Commissioner for External Relations, that the EEC favoured relations with Comecon "in an appropriate form", but this could not be allowed to affect or impede Western Europe's relations with individual Comecon nations.

The traditional EEC position is that the two trading blocs of East and West are not comparable because Comecon is dominated by the Soviet Union and has no common commercial policy. But the Comecon secretariat in Moscow wrote to Mr Jacques Delors, president of the EEC Commission, in the



Mr de Clercq: a surprise response

spring, proposing the establishment of formal links. Earlier approaches by Comecon had been treated with suspicion, but EEC officials said they would give the new Comecon approach serious consideration.

The Comecon overture was reinforced publicly by Mr Gorbachov during his visit to Paris earlier this month.

Mr de Clercq's downbeat response yesterday came as something of a surprise, since EEC sources with knowledge of Eastern European affairs had suggested that the Russians were performing a volte face and that Mr Gorbachov was genuinely seeking a bloc-to-bloc relationship which did not exclude EEC contacts within individual East European countries.

The Commissioner was commenting on a European Parliament report which recommended increased Comecon-EEC dialogue. He noted that each Comecon country had its own interests and peculiarities. He said: "It would not be in our interests, nor in theirs, to subordinate our present or future relations with these countries to a bloc-to-bloc approach, and to make of Comecon a kind of intermediary between the Community and those Comecon member countries which wish to maintain relations with us."

The EEC favoured intensification of political and economic contacts with the Eastern bloc, but not the kind of arrangement which would concentrate the post-war division of Europe into two opposed halves.

Russians dismiss Salt 2 charge

Sofia (Reuters) - A spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, yesterday denied the charge by the US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, that Moscow had deployed the SS25 intercontinental nuclear missile in violation of the 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

Addressing journalists attending a Warsaw Pact summit here, Mr Lomeiko said: "The statement of Mr Weinberger does not correspond to reality and is intended to detract from the Soviet Union's real position. The Soviet Union will not take and has not taken any steps which violate the Salt agreement."

Mr Lomeiko said the meeting between the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, and President Reagan in Geneva on November 19 and 20 was "a hopeful chance for achieving some sort of agreement on arms, and those who are making statements now are trying to hurt these possibilities."

● BRUSSELS: Anxiety about cruise missile deployment in Belgium is subdued, in spite of last Sunday's anti-nuclear demonstration here. Having succeeded in getting the first 16 missiles accepted this March, the Government does not have to face the problem of the next deployment until the end of 1987 (Frederick Bonnar writes).

Mr Wilfried Martens, the former Prime Minister who has been charged with the formation of a new Government, is starting negotiations with possible coalition partners. The missiles will be part of the package, but will play only a secondary role.



Mrs Margaret Thatcher removing her gloves before shaking hands with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, in New York. Leading article, page 15

Uganda denies that rebels are poised to storm Kampala

Kampala (AFP) - Reports that National Resistance Army (NRA) guerrillas were about to storm Kampala were "completely unfounded", Uganda radio said yesterday.

However the radio announcement, which appealed to the public in the capital to go about its business normally, made no reference to the known presence of NRA fighters on the outskirts of the capital.

The guerrillas, whose representatives are due to open new talks in Nairobi with the ruling Military Council on Monday, have cut off the Masaka highway leading south from here, and roads westwards to the towns of Mityana and Hoima.

The NRA forces are now only 15 miles from the city centre.

Yesterday's radio broadcast accused the NRA of making any movement around the southern town of Masaka, about 80 miles from here impossible.

"All roads in and around Masaka" have been mined by the guerrillas, the radio said.

Masaka, the third largest town in the country, was captured by the NRA forces a month ago, although the army troops are still holding out at the Kasajagiwa barracks just one mile from there.

The radio, quoting a Military Council spokesman, also accused the rebels of what it called "wholesale" murder of supporters of other fighting groups

UN seas staff quit over HQ move

By Tony Samstag

The entire staff of the United Nations Environment Programme's regional seas unit has resigned in protest at the removal of the unit's offices from Geneva to UNEP headquarters in Nairobi.

In the current issue of the unit's quarterly magazine, *The Siren*, Dr Stjepan Keckes, formerly its director, notes that the 11-year-old programme -

widely regarded as UNEP's most successful project since the agency was created in 1972 - managed to push through nine regional anti-pollution action plans, six of them supported by regional treaties: a "global plan of action for marine mammals", and a number of large-scale pollution monitoring programmes in all regions "using a common methodology".

A staff of 17 with an annual budget of about £2 million mobilized "additional tens of millions... through special trust funds and direct contribution of governments and scientific institutions participating in the programme".

Dr Keckes adds: "I feel a great sadness and regret that a promising United Nations initiative has been hurt."

Suicide highlights bullying in Japan

From David Watts Tokyo

Takashi Kabasawa stayed off school one day last week, slunk off into the woods near his father's farm and drank Paraquat.

Takashi, an introverted boy of 14, lived for a week before he became the latest victim of an ugly problem in Japanese schools: bullying.

It is a problem that is becoming so serious that the Prime Minister's ad hoc reform committee on education has recommended the establishment of semi-governmental advisory offices at the local level and the education ministry has distributed a teachers' handbook on bullying to all primary schools.

Takashi was the sixth bullying victim to commit suicide this year and his case was depressingly familiar. A member of a school basketball team who did not excel at physical activities he nevertheless was not allowed to leave it despite constant harassment from his team-mates.

His case was untypical as his parents knew about the problem and actually telephoned the homes of the boys responsible and appealed for their son to be left alone, but without result.

His teachers seem to have looked the other way.

In other recent cases teachers have actually connived at the ostracism of pupils who are slightly different from their peers. Conformity is all important in Japan and leads to this ambivalence on the part of teachers and schools who seem to feel its part of the process of developing *gaman* or endurance so necessary to survival in corporate Japan.

Physical punishment as a means of strengthening spiritual attitudes may have been the pre-war norm but it is a measure of how things have changed that the Ministry of Justice and National Police agency now take surveys on the incidence of school bullying.

Last year there were 502 cases reported involving 1,850 students. There were seven suicides and more than one murder in retaliation.

Although school bullying is a far from a uniquely Japanese phenomenon, few societies or education systems demand such uniformity of attitudes and have an examination system so rigid that it forces all pupils to pursue identical lines of pre-university study regardless of their individual abilities.

A whole host of other explanations are advanced for bullying, ranging from lack of discipline at home because of the frequent absence of fathers to too-rigid rules and regulations imposed by schools.

Seven die as blaze sweeps hospital

Barbezieux (Reuters, AP) - Seven people died and at least 11 were injured in a fire which swept through the geriatric wing of a hospital in this town in south-west France.

The fire was believed to have started in the hospital's laboratory and firemen brought it under control after 90 minutes.

Lighting up

Kassel (Reuters) - A West German student who tried to commit suicide by passing himself failed because he lit a cigarette. The resulting blast wrecked his flat but he suffered only minor burns.

Wives strike

Reykjavik (Reuters) - Icelandic women plan a one-day strike today for equality at work and organizers said housewives would join in by refusing to cook or clean for their husbands.

Fatal leak

Sydney (Reuters) - One sailor was killed and 57 others had to be treated in hospital after toxic gas leaked on board the Australian Navy ship Stalwart off the northern Australian coast.

Ambush fails

Bogotá (Reuters) The Colombian Army commander, General Rafael Samudio, was slightly wounded in a machine-gun and grenade ambush here. One of his five assailants was killed.

Kahane banned

Montreal (AP) - Canada has rejected a request by Rabbi Meir Kahane to visit here, saying his presence would fuel tensions between the country's Jewish and Arab communities.

Soldier home

Bern (Reuters) - A Soviet soldier interned in Switzerland for two years after being captured by guerrillas in Afghanistan has returned home. The Foreign Minister said.

Fire hazard

New Orleans (AP) - Fire destroyed a building here housing a company that makes and repairs fire extinguishers.

French poll date

Paris - The French general election will be held on next March 16. Regional elections will be held on the same day.

Morocco calls truce in Sahara

New York (Reuters) - Morocco announced at the United Nations yesterday an immediate unilateral ceasefire in the guerrilla war in Western Sahara, if there was no aggression against the territories for which it was responsible.

In an address to the General Assembly the Moroccan Prime Minister, Mr Karim Lamrani, also offered to receive neutral observers to verify observance of the ceasefire.

Western Sahara has been the scene of fighting between Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario independence movement since Spain relinquished its former colony in 1975.

US envoys taking taxpayers for a ride

Washington (Reuters) - Senior US diplomats are taking leisurely cruises on luxury liners at American taxpayers' expense, government auditors said yesterday.

Officials of the General Accounting Office (GAO) told the House of Representatives Government Operations Committee that taking cruises, instead of flying, was an "unreasonable and excessive use of government travel funds".

The auditors, known as the watchdogs of US government spending, identified \$556,332 (£370,000) spent over three years on luxury cruises by senior foreign service officers. They could have travelled faster and more cheaply on

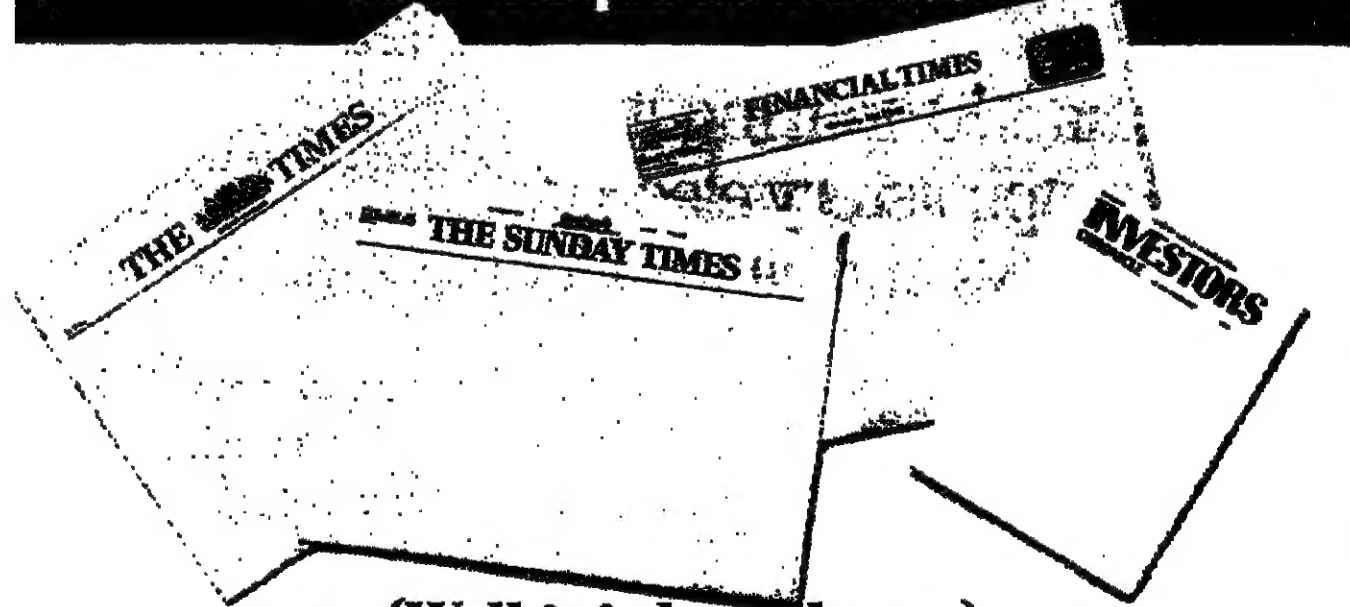
airlines, saving taxpayers nearly \$400,000.

Committee chairman, Mr Jack Brooks, said it was "a flagrant misuse of the taxpayers' money".

Mr Brooks ordered the investigation last year after publicity about a US Information Agency official who returned from Uruguay to Washington, by air and a slow riverboat ride up the Mississippi.

In one of many examples, the auditors said a State Department official and his wife en route from Islamabad, Pakistan, to Los Angeles, flew from Islamabad to Bangkok, took a 19-day cruise to Hawaii and then flew on to Los Angeles, spending an excessive \$15,494.

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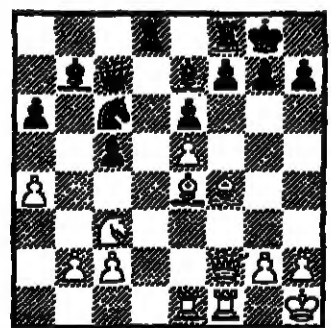
Karpov offer of draw baffles experts

By Raymond Keene

The world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, surprisingly conceded a draw after a mere 23 moves in the eighteenth game of the world championship rematch against Garry Kasparov in Moscow on Tuesday.

Karpov with the advantage of the white pieces was expected to go all out for a win in order to make up the ground lost by his sudden defeat in game 16 last week. Indeed, the champion built up what appeared to be a promising attacking position utilizing a novelty on move 14: N-N3. With a well-entrenched central pawn and his bishops pointing aggressively at the black king, Karpov baffled spectators by inexplicably offering a draw.

With six games left in the 24-game rematch, Karpov trails 4½-3½. Victory goes to the player who scores six outright wins or scores a total of 12½ points, whichever comes first. A victory gives one point and a



Eighteenth game White Karpov, Black Kasparov Sicilian Defence

1 P-K4	2 P-K4	3 N-K3	4 P-Q3
5 P-Q4	6 P-Q3	7 N-K3	8 N-K3
9 P-Q4	10 P-Q3	11 P-Q4	12 P-Q3
13 P-Q4	14 P-Q3	15 P-Q4	16 P-Q3
17 P-Q4	18 P-Q3	19 P-Q4	20 P-Q3
21 P-Q4	22 P-Q3	23 P-Q4	24 P-Q3

Le Pen divorce appeal

Paris - Mme Pierrette Le Pen declared yesterday that she was appealing against the terms of the divorce granted her husband, the leader of the extreme-right National Front Party, M. Jean-Marie Le Pen, on Tuesday (Susan MacDonald writes).

M. Le Pen is at present involved in accusations about how he came to inherit a fortune left by the industrialist, M. Hubert Lambert, and why he originally denied to television last week that he paid wealth tax on the inheritance.

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The man who took on a union

The Times Profile: Roy Link

If there was a single moment at which Roy Link emerged as a serious alternative leader for Nottinghamshire miners, it came on that extraordinary May Day morning at Mansfield last year. More than 11,000 working miners converged on the NUM area headquarters to demonstrate their anger at the leadership's support of the 11-week-old strike, only to find that 4,000 striking miners were already in position on the car park and surrounding lawns.

The working miners were kept by police - and a sturdy fence - from the strikers and the headquarters they were protecting. But over the heads of the crowd they could see, ranged along the first-floor balcony, their area leaders. These included Ray Chubb, who (in terms he would later openly regret) exhorted the working miners to "get up off their knees".

Only one of the officials and area council members crowded onto the balcony struck a different note. Provoking what working miners now recall as a hail of apple cores, stones and clods of earth, Link grabbed the microphone long enough to shout: "They can't fetch you out without a national ballot and whatever decision you make I will support".

It was a brief message but a decisive step on the long march towards the Notts breakaway from the National Union of Mineworkers and last Friday's vote to form the new Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM).

The nearest Link has come to public exultation over his stand was in a television studio last Sunday when he grinned broadly and gave a devilish little wave to the figure of Ray Chubb, whose image bore down on him through a big TV monitor. On the programme Link warned bluntly in his flat north Notts accent that Chubb would never come back into the county as an official, "as long as he lives".

It was a symbol of the decisiveness of the break with the past, from a man who now has to be seen seriously as a player on the national political and industrial stage - and not only by Ian MacGregor, the National Coal Board chairman who has warmly welcomed the UDM but who could find Link a less pliable negotiator than he may imagine. He also has to be taken seriously by Arthur Scargill, the NUM president who is already losing members by the thousands as miners pour out of the industry and has now at a stroke lost 32,000 more. Above all, perhaps, Neil Kinnock needs to see his importance. The Labour leader has the awesome task of retaining support from the UDM's members - many of them, like Link, active in the Labour Party for 20 years or more - in the face of the near-certainty that the TUC will refuse the UDM affiliation and so disqualify it from the Party itself.

Link, the focus of all these tensions, was born in Derbyshire of Welsh mining stock 52 years ago. The eldest son of a large family, which moved early in his life to what is still his home village of Sutton-in-Ashfield, he joined the Royal Navy at 16. Two years later he was forced to return home on compassionate leave because his father had died, and he started work at the local pit. He disliked his first taste of life underground and he returned to sea, this time in the Merchant Navy, but marriage brought him ashore and he went down the pit again, this time, as he assumed, for keeps.



Roy Link: 'I happen to be in the position I am by the default of others'

At 25, however, he spent six months off after contracting tuberculosis, a disorder which afflicted his wrist as a result of using a pick and shovel at the coal-face. Then he asked his union branch secretary to help him get his old job back. "He said: 'I can't do anything for you'", Link explains. "So I decided I could do a better job than that." Link took a Workers' Educational Association course in politics and economics and, at 27, stood against the incumbent branch secretary and won.

Link was branch secretary at Sutton colliery for 18 years. It was a geologically difficult pit to mine and the bargaining in an era when piece-work rates were negotiated coal-face by coal-face, pit by pit, was equally tough. In his early years as a union official, Link had a reputation for being "rough".

He looked after his members with an unbridled hard-swinging style which did little to endear him to NCB managers. To many of them he seemed, in the words of one, "bloody difficult". But he satisfied his members. Despite a series of contested elections he remained continuously in office at Sutton until 1978.

One NCB executive he did impress was Alan Griffin, now an academic specializing in the history of the coal industry but then an industrial relations officer and prominent Labour Party activist, who encouraged the young Link to pursue his trade union education. Link took a certificate course in trade union studies at Nottingham University's extra-mural department. "I found him an effective bargainer as a young man", says Griffin, "and I was impressed by how he held his own on the Nottingham course where the students were mainly graduates."

Conditions at Sutton were frequently dangerous and Link had a reputation for making trouble for the NCB over safety. They also gave him an interest in first aid and he is still a sergeant in the St John Ambulance

Brigade. Even his political opponents recognize he was effective at pit level. "He was a good branch secretary", admits one prominent NUM loyalist. "But he was very parochial. Sutton was his domain and the hell with everyone else."

Even those friendlier to Link recognize some truth in this. But it was not the whole picture. Griffin remembers him deliberating long and hard about the Common Market and eventually coming down in favour. "Otherwise I didn't really think of him then as on the right of the Labour Party. He certainly wasn't left but I should say more towards the centre."

In the 1972 strike he was an enthusiastic picket organizer, as his supporters insist he would have been in 1984 if the strike had been given the authority of a national ballot majority.

Link also aspired to higher office. As Scargill was rising conspicuously through the Yorkshire NUM hierarchy, Link stood - without much significant backing - against Ray Chubb for a full-time official's post. He stood on a similar platform of "keeping politics out of the unions" but he lost. "I ran out of money half-way through the campaign," he says bluntly. But when Len Clarke resigned as the Notts president in 1978, Link ran again and this time made it, becoming financial secretary.

He insists that he has never personally been highly ambitious. He did not push himself, even though he undoubtedly recognized the vacuum left in the leadership of the NUM's right wing by the departure of Joe Gormley and Clarke. And it almost certainly crossed his mind to run against Peter Heathfield for the general secretary's job when Lawrence Daly retired. Instead, John Walsh, the north Yorkshire area agent, emerged as the challenger from the right.

If it had not been for the traumatic events of 1984, Link emphasizes, he would still be the Notts financial secretary. The decisive event was the conversion of Ray Chubb, and Notts general secretary Henry

Richardson, to the cause of the strike in line with Scargill and most of their own area council - but against the majority of their members who had resoundingly rejected strike action in their own area ballot.

"I happen to be in the position I am by the default of others", Link insists. "I am older than either Henry Richardson or Ray Chubb and I had settled down to be the third-ranking official. If they hadn't deserted, you wouldn't be here talking to me today."

What immeasurably bolstered Link's position, however, were the 1984 June branch elections which swept 310 working miners, and only four strikers, on to local committees and transformed the area council and the executive into a body which saw Link as their natural leader because he had supported the working miners. But the breakaway was precipitated by the July conference this year which dismissed Link and his colleague David Prendergast as NUM employees and approved a "keeping politics out of the unions" rule changes that included what Link described as the "abhorrent" new disciplinary procedure.

Nevertheless the break was more sudden than anyone outside the union expected. At a conference in Mansfield that Saturday it was Jock Daley, the delegate at Colgrave and a close friend of Roy Link, who described the treatment meted out to the Notts delegates at Sheffield - down to the refusal of pro-strike delegates to eat at the same table as the Notts men. Daley then said he would back any proposal to break away now rather than wait to be expelled for refusing to accept the new rule changes. Link is adamant that he did not engineer the breakaway. Indeed, it was Colin Clarke, a veteran of the national working miners' committee who proposed it and in doing so seems to have struck a genuine chord with the vast majority of miners present. The die was cast.

Link inevitably invites comparison

BIOGRAPHY

1933 Born in North Wingfield, Derbyshire.
1949 Joined Royal Navy.
1961 First spell down pit.
1958 Suffered industrial injury at coal-face.
1959 Took WEA course in politics and economics.
1960 Became branch secretary at Sutton colliery.
1977 Stood for full-time office against Ray Chubb and lost.
1978 Stood for full-time office again and won.
1984 Strike began.
1985 Became general secretary of Notts miners after dismissal of Chubb and Richardson. Dismissed as NUM employee. Breakaway launched under his leadership and Union of Democratic Mineworkers formed.

with George Spencer, the MP and Nottinghamshire miner, president who led a breakaway in 1926. The charge of Spencerism has reverberated since early in the strike and revived all the old bitterness against Notts miners from more militant coalfields. It has been fuelled, too, by the publicity given to the pension fund which Spencer set up for Notts miners, and which leaves with its quick truths in an urban wilderness of webs. Curiously, he hurries past the Prague ghetto, the most ancient and best-preserved in Europe, to a conclusion that leaves him accused as a Zionist agent. Zuckerman spends too short a time in Prague for more than a flying scrutiny, with laughter and speculation, without roots or excavation. Stories, Zuckerman thinks, are what the Czechs have instead of life. This story is an intellectual's visit abroad instead of living there.

Rachel Ingalls is as brief as an incantation or a spell. Her laconic prose lures the matter of fact into magic. Her first tale in *Three of a Kind* takes a rich couple and their chauffeur to the Far East, where the illusions of the wife end in her death. She has conceived a child-goddess and heard that true love is poor. Or is it pure? That ambiguity is not resolved by her dying.

In the other two tales, an American girl becomes trapped in an alpine hotel by geriatric plutocrats; a Californian monk is visited by the naked Angel Gabriel, conceives, and becomes a pregnant woman. None of these stories would seem very likely, if Rachel Ingalls did not have a perfect ear for small talk, and a pen that pares words to the bone in her world, the step from the domestic to the fantastic is not through a

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Faced with the choice of staying with the union's national policy and his base among his own members, Roy Link unhesitatingly chose the latter. Last week, with a resounding 72 per cent majority, the members rewarded him. Now he faces the test of how far the UDM can be extended beyond that base.

Even if it does not (and there are real signs that Warwickshire could soon be persuaded to join), the Nottinghamshire coalfield - with its prospects of expansion across the 180 million tonne coal-rich Witham Prospect - is unlikely to return to the NUM for many years other than on its own terms. In the meantime, Roy Link is here to stay.

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THREE OF A KIND
By Rachel Ingalls
Faber, £3.95

UNDER THE BANYAN TREE
By R. K. Narayan
Heinemann, £9.50

BOATING FOR BEGINNERS
By Jeanette Winterson
Methuen, £8.95, paperback £3.50

looking glass, but through chat into the next room.

Under the Banyan Tree and *Other Stories* does not suggest Kipling so much as Chekhov. There is the feeling of a recorder of lives at large in India, a presenter of small human stories that reveal a wealth of understanding. Two in particular, "A Home and Two Goats" and the title story are little masterpieces. In the first of them, the barrier of language and the misunderstanding of East and West develop into a comedy of manners, greed, and trust. In the second of them, an old story teller existing in a derelict temple enchants the villagers for decades. Then he forgets his craft, the divine gift of the gab is taken away, and his last speech is a silence for the rest of his life. All is said. There is nothing left to utter.

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Keeping up with hi-tech Joneses

Although Britons are a pretty confident lot about their ability to keep up with new technologies, they believe that technical development poses a considerable threat to mankind, according to a national survey carried out by MORI for the Technical Change Centre, and sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Six in ten adults agree that they are confident enough to keep up with new technologies as they affect their lives and only 25 per cent disagree. However, four in ten agree, and the same number disagree, that technical development poses a considerable threat to mankind.

None the less, 84 per cent believe that 'new technology is essential to Britain's prosperity' and three in four (76 per cent) that 'the Government should do more to encourage it'. There was overwhelming acceptance for future development of applications of science and technology in fields like medical transplants (79 per cent), new medicines (75 per cent), alternative sources of energy (73 per cent) and computers to help children learn (70 per cent).

There was, on the other hand, overwhelming opposition to cross-breeding different species

of animals (78 per cent opposed), synthetic foods (63 per cent opposed), keeping information on everyone in a central computer (62 per cent opposed). Fewer than one-third of the public said they understood the meaning of such words as biotechnology (32 per cent), immunology (32 per cent), enzyme technology (28 per cent) and in vitro fertilization (22 per cent).

Growing healthier but not happier

What does the future hold? While none of us can tell for sure, adults in Britain think that when today's children grow up, they will be more widely travelled (67 per cent), more educated (56 per cent), more ambitious (49 per cent), healthier (48 per cent) and economically better off (41 per cent), according to a Gallup Poll carried out for the television series *Twenty Years On*.

Not many, however, expect a happier life for today's children (only 16 per cent think so) or think they will be more satisfied with life (only 18 per cent think they will be).

Have cross-Channel link, will travel

One Briton in four has never been to the Continent. But of those who have, more than half (56 per cent) have gone by water and one-third (33 per cent) have flown, according to a MORI poll for the Euro Route Consortium, which is bidding for a Channel link contract.

Seven out of ten people favour a fixed-link Channel crossing to and from the Continent. 17 per cent oppose, while 13 per cent

say they do not have an opinion on the subject. Of those who have been to the Continent, 72 per cent are in favour of a fixed link and even two-thirds of those who have never visited the Continent are for the proposal.

Nine out of ten middle-class people have visited the Continent, compared with two-thirds of working-class people. Eight in ten Tories and Alliance supporters have, as have 63 per cent of Labour supporters.

The preferred method of taking a car to the Continent among those who own cars would be to drive all the way (51 per cent), while one-third (31 per cent) say they would prefer to put their car on a ferry at Dover and 8 per cent to take their car on a train.

Of those without a car in their own household, 36 per cent would still prefer to drive all the way by car/bus/coach, 29 per cent would prefer to go by car/bus/coach on a ferry from Dover and 22 per cent would prefer to go by car/bus/coach on a train.

Minority share of the action

The advertising columns of "serious" newspapers are loaded with advertisements for unit trusts. But what is a unit trust? A survey by the British Market Research Bureau for Minter Personal Finance showed that, despite the fact that there are more than 900 unit trusts to invest in, only 57 per cent of a sample of 1,566 adults said they had ever heard of them. While 70 per cent of 35 to 44-year-olds in the sample

had heard of them, only 35 per cent of young people had.

Nearly a quarter of people in professional managerial households had heard of them, although only one in ten said they regularly invested in them.

The survey also showed that only six people in a 100 invest in shares.

Learning to love your country

The International Political Science Association in Paris was addressed by Professor Willy Martiussen who presented "Nationalism as self-defence". His findings indicated Norwegians seem to be extremely well-satisfied with their country.

Some 93 per cent of Norwegians are satisfied with their form of society and 85 per cent indicate satisfaction "with the way democracy functions" in Norway.

He found national pride strongly related to education and age and higher among older generations, especially among the lower levels of education, while patriotism in Norway increased with increased education, income and wealth.

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The case of the barking genius and a mad Muse

Harriet Bosse, Strindberg's third wife, said that she never found any evidence that Strindberg was mad. Perhaps mad is not a very useful word, but it is one that continually pops into one's mind during a reading of this extraordinary and important new biography. Other terms (like bonkers, barmy, barking, bazookers, or a brick short of a load) seem to fall short of their target. If Strindberg was not mad, then we have to admit that he was a very unpleasant person indeed, for he went on doing unpleasant things to both his friends and his enemies, all his life.

Yet he never lost the power to inspire love and affection - even when the books he was publishing (filled on old friends and lovers) were greeted with horror. He seems to have been able to cast a spell over his acquaintance. If he took you aside for a little discussion about Roentgen rays (x-rays) and explained that he himself had discovered them ten years ago, you were likely to believe him.

Paris, according to Michael Meyer (although I must say I need more evidence than we are given here), his scientific researches were treated with respect. He didn't believe in elements. He claimed to be able to synthesize gold. I suppose it is possible that he could command respect for these views, but the respect of scientists? Certainly, on one occasion, he caused a panic in Germany by announcing in France that he had found a cheap way of producing iodine. Shares tumbled, but the announcement was mysteriously never followed up.

The kind of madness I am thinking of (but I do not know what the technical term would be) consists of a form of pathological egotism. It goes like this. If you show me any object - it might be something absolutely uncontroversial, like a tin of beans - I have an immediate and burning problem to work out my relationship with that object, and it must be a relationship either of mastery or

James Fenton on the troubled ego of the greatest Swedish writer

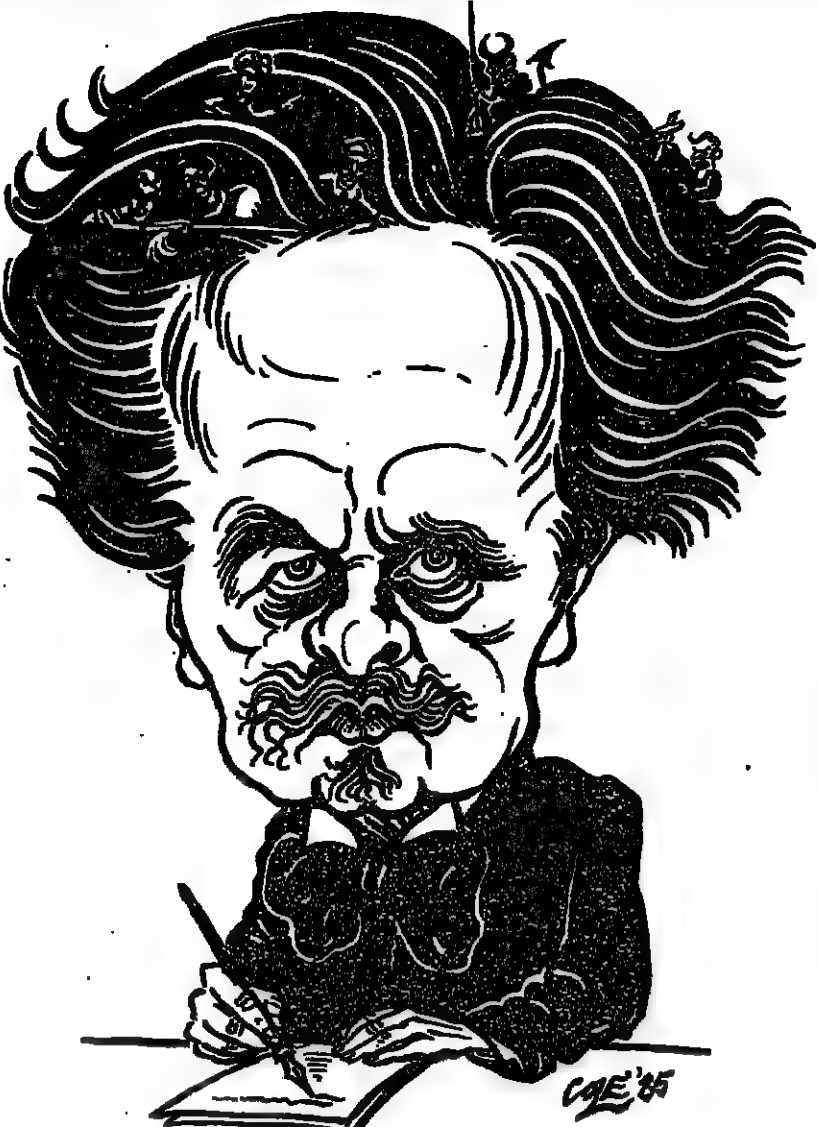
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persecution. You produce the beans. I smile modestly and say, "Of course, if it hadn't been for my work on alloys, they could never have been able to persuade those beans to stay in the can." Or, on a bad day, you produce the beans and I jump out of my skin.

My enemies have done this. They have sent the beans to spy on my studies. I can hear them now, in the tin, talking about me and sharpening their knives. Mention some received truth, such as that the earth is round, and I must at once make clear where I stand on this matter. And of course there is only one relationship to have with a received truth. One must deny it.

So we find Strindberg, on a ship bound for Heligoland with his second wife, watching carefully through a telescope for corroborative evidence for his theory that the earth was of course flat after all. Delius tells us that Strindberg "had a theory that the gorilla was descended from a shipwrecked sailor and an ordinary female monkey. One of his great proofs of this was the similarity between the inside of the paw of the gorilla and the palm of the hand of an old sailor. He showed me photos of both, and indeed there was a great resemblance." You can see, can't you, that Darwin was going to have to look to his laurels when news of that discovery got out.

In the Paris period covered by *Inferno*, the theory is that the damage



to Strindberg's sanity was caused to a large extent by his theory. No doubt this was true, but the form the insanity took seems fairly congruent with other manifestations throughout his life. For instance, take his relationship with Ibsen, who, though older than Strindberg, had had a late start in his artistic life and was still increasing his stature in the world when Strindberg came onto the scene. Ibsen was consistently admiring and generous towards Strindberg. But Strindberg could not possibly live in Ibsen's shadow. He had to bring him down. It would not be enough for Ibsen to be the greatest Norwegian and Strindberg the greatest Swedish

writer. There was nothing for it but a duel to the death. Excepting that it was a duel with only one contestant, Strindberg had to invent the part played by Ibsen, as when, for instance, he decided that Hedda Gabler was all about him. He thought he was Elbert Loevborg.

Two years ago on my way back to Sweden I met Herr and Fru Lange in Malmö. That night I told them much about my sad state... Hedda Gabler is based on this! And it's obvious that Ibsen has just packed this together from gossip, not observed it at first hand. How can a man of talent be "destroyed" because he gets drunk, whores and

fights with the police? It seems to me that Ibsen realizes that I shall inherit the crown when he is finished. (He hates me mortally and had the impudence to refuse to contribute to Jacobson's tombstone unless my name was struck off the list.) And now the decrepit old troll seems to hand me the revolver a second time! But his shit will rebound on him. For I shall survive him and many others, and the day The Father kills Hedda Gabler, I shall stick that gun in the old troll's neck!

All this passage is actually saying is, Help, help, Ibsen's written another play, and it's very good. What will become of me?

If you went on the evidence of Strindberg's famous work alone, you might be tempted to say that it was his journeys into madness that set him apart from other writers, that madness was his muse. This is the sentimental view of the matter.

The fact is that only a small proportion of Strindberg's total output has been made available in English, and it is clear from this account that madness (as is usually the case) inflicted untold damage on his art - he feared to achieve the greatness that was within his grasp.

For every lightning insight that appears to have come to him in his turmoil, you have to remember the reams of junk, cupboards full of "investigations", screeds of vituperation, desperate hackwork, and all the nonsense. Pernicious nonsense too, such as his antisemitic ravings and much, though not all, of what he says about women. When Strindberg says of Cordelia that as a daughter she loves her father but as a woman she hates him, I find myself pausing and wondering if this is not one of those mad insights. But the truly mad do not have insights. They happen to say things that other sane people happen to recognize as true.

When Strindberg is really at the nadir of this suffering, and we feel most sorry for him, he too has a Lear-like quality. His friends, some of them at least, thought that after the *Inferno* period he would regain his clarity, repent of some of the things he had done, and return to work that was worthy of him. He regularly dismayed them. He apparently needed to destroy them. Why this was so will always be a mystery, especially as the chief witness in the case is a pathological liar. But if you want to see the case described as never before, you will not be disappointed in this book. It is an excellent piece of work.

Images of women, and the real thing

Fiona MacCarthy

MONUMENTS AND MAIDENS

The Allegory of the Female Form

By Marina Warner

Widenfeld & Nicolson, £16.95

This is the fourth, the most ambitious, and the best of Marina Warner's studies of female symbolism. Her previous books concentrated on lone women around whom cults have formed: Dragon Empress; Virgin Mary; Joan of Arc. Her new book is more crowded, indeed absolutely packed, with goddesses in armour, Amazons in very little; women holding sieves or colanders, which with endearing logic represent their intact chastity. Here are maidens as Fortitude wrestling with lions; women as Charity vanquishing Envy, threatening poor craven knights with the great sword of chastity. It has certainly not escaped Marina Warner's notice that in the history of the convention in art by which the female form has come to be regarded as the repository of virtue the women almost always have the more exciting poses. Her book sets out to show just how all this has happened and questions how such idealized images of female-ness have affected the way women have behaved in real life.

How have they, for example, affected our Prime Minister, some of whose stances so definitely stem from the mythical Britannia, who was herself related, such as the making, to the all too real and rather less than admirable Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni?

Here is how Mrs Thatcher appears in this book's Index: Thatcher, Margaret; representations of; and Falklands War; verbal imagery; status and charisma; character and femininity; and nuclear protestors. An entry which tells us not only quite a lot about Marina Warner's more general intentions, the idea and the organization of this book, but also reveals much about her view of Mrs Thatcher, combining cool appraisal with a certain fascinated consternation. She is extremely caustic, in her Mrs Thatcher chapter, on the problem of combining the warrior queen image with the concept of good womanhood, fine mother, frugal housewife, so dear to the hearts of the Conservative supporters. She is terribly convincing in her whole analysis of the long-term popularity of militant artistic female figures, with their dubious connotations of sexual control by women, the suppression of erotic desire by moral worth.

Marina Warner's range or reference is enormous. Mrs Thatcher in the Index has, above her, St Teresa of Avila and Tertullian; beneath her, the goddess Themis and the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius I. She can quote with enthusiasm from an essay by Froma Zeitlin (a name which even David Lodge could not have bettered) on "Travesties of Gender and Genre in Aristotle's *Thesmophoriazusae*"; she is familiar with, but not bowled over by, *The Sexuality of Christ in Renaissance Art and in Modern Obsession* by Leo Steinberg. Ah, but she also knows her Cole Porter. She conjures with the names of Dashi Hammett and Wonder Woman. Which might all be a bit much if she had no sense of proportion. But she has a most disarming streak of basic commonsense as when, just for instance, she describes Judy Chicago's ceramic *Dinner Party* with its emblematic vulvae at each place around the table. Wouldn't it have been more poignant to have used the female face?

I especially enjoyed her guided tour of Paris where, unsurprisingly in such a city of the ladies, one comes upon new female forms round every corner: sylphs and muses, goddesses and dryads, caryatids and angels of improbable voluptuousness.

Although it is told with verve and sparkling erudition, the story is of course almost always a depressing one. Prince Albert, when approving proposals for the monument to Queen Victoria in the House of Lords, suggested that the figure of Wisdom planned to flank the enthroned Queen should be replaced by Clemency since, in her husband's words, "the sovereign is a lady". ("I was pleased with this idea," said the sculptor Mr Gibson), Marina Warner, devoted as she is to the woman-as-Wisdom figure of the Middle Ages and all the possibilities implicit in it, finds Prince Albert hard to bear. And from then on it was not long before commercial exploitation of the allegorical female form erupted and we are in the thick of sexual travesty of ladies impersonating Le Téléphone.

So besotted is one at the end of this long book with the public significance of female figures, from the gold seal virgin on first-pressing olive oil cans to the quartet of commercial caryatids outside Macy's, that Marina Warner's portrait on the back flap of the jacket cries out for the same treatment. In the rather off-hand startled-looking head-and-shoulders snapshot taken by her husband she bears little resemblance to Patience on the monument. She looks a bit too fat to be personifying Wisdom. Perhaps she comes the closest to that charming but elusive slightly minor goddess Nike, the winged Victory, appendage of Athena, poised for instant flight.

Body of a weak woman, but Tudor passion

Susan Kay has brought off a notable double, winning both the George Bernard Shaw Prize for a historical novel, and the Betty Trask Prize for a first novel.

It begins dramatically, with a small rat looking hungrily at an immobile figure looking out of the Tower towards Traitor's Gate - but the figure is not dead, as the rat hopes, but waiting for release, or death. It is the prologue to the life of a young woman who has the gifts of both parents (no one, meeting this Elizabeth, could doubt that her blood was royal, but the stoniest comes perhaps from her grandfather Henry VII rather than her father). One legacy - but others include dreadful whispered conversations overheard by a child of a headless body left out all day and then pushed into an arrow chest. The certainty that death awaited her at the hands of her sister, a threat lifted by the unexpected passion of her sister's husband, Philip of Spain. At the back of it all is the first love of a girl for a commanding, handsome, and

HISTORICALS

Philip Toomey

LEGACY

By Susan Kay

The Bodley Head, £9.50

unscrupulous man, Thomas Seymour, who died for his ambition. Everything in her childhood seemed poisoned by treachery of those who were nearest her, who should have loved and protected her. Susan Kay provides a convincing (if unprovable) story of her love for Robert Dudley, Elizabeth was a fascinator, in life, and remains so.

● The Indian Widow, by Sarah Woodhouse (Century, £8.95). Lally Fletcher, the Indian widow of Sara Woodhouse's novel, is also a fascinating woman, though sadly changed, penniless, and almost desperate as she returns to England where she knows no one, except an old friend in the

Norfolk of her childhood. She had been sent away, after a tomboyish prank went seriously wrong, to marry Francis Fletcher in India, to find a world of pain, humiliation, scandal, gossip, heartbreak over the death of her child; and, widowed by an outbreak of cholera, the burden of £5,000.

Lally is not beautiful - too tall, too large a nose, pale, and faded, but there is a freedom of spirit and a directness which attracts a number of people. Life in a country rectory, on sufferance from the vicar, who has married Lally's childhood friend, is a constraining, purposeless existence. She finds new friends, one the eccentric John Glory Lovatt, whose elderly air is not matched by his keen and observant eyes, and the other is Sam Uffington, a local farmer, who loves her.

Lally has to find her spirit again, and to make her peace with terrible memories. Eighteenth-century Norfolk had a thriving smuggling trade, and there is a sub-text of violence to a quiet countryside.

● The Drayton Legacy, by Roma Randall (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95). Roma Randall writes a spirited story, also set in the 18th century. Joseph Drayton, the odious head of a family of potters, is socially ambitious, and forbids the marriage of Jessica, one of his twin sisters, to someone unsuitable. Jessica is pregnant by her lover, and when the family insists that she goes to the old wife (or witch) for an abortion, she is rescued by someone even more unsuitable, Simon Kendall, an illiterate canal digger.

Add to this Martin, Joseph's younger brother, indentured to him for five years, a cripple with artistic genius, and Meg, the beautiful girl in the turning shed, with whom Joseph is infatuated, and the result is an engaging melodrama of early 18th-century technology in pottery and engineering, and enough arsenic in the glass to poison, if necessary, anyone you take a dislike to.

Fictional little can be beautiful, long boring

Short stories, the malt whisky of fiction, survive even though the practice of publishing them in newspapers and periodicals has dwindled in the United Kingdom. They give sharp miniature pleasures not available in full-length novels to both author and reader. Let us hope that these new publications that roll towards us in the Fleet Street revolution revive the civilized custom of publishing fiction intentionally.

You know Antrobus, old man, a rather stuffy old dip who had represented the FO in Bulgaria and points east for the past 30 years or so. Wykehamist, of course. Many, though not all of these memoirs, have appeared in journals as diverse as the *New Statesman* and *Playboy*. Anyway, he is always getting into fearful scrapes with the entire Corps Diplomatique cast adrift on the Danube, or embroiled in the nerglio.

Always gets out of them, of course by the skin of his stiff upper lip. Old-fashioned view of the service, almost as if his creator saw it 40 years ago in the Balkans.

He is jesting, my solemn oath, old man, a sort of cross between Mulliner and *The General Danced at Dawn* and *The Village That Voted the Earth was Flat*. None of this modernist muck and poor man's Proust that you find in the *Alexandria Quartet*. Just clever, rather camp, tales with a twist to entertain.

Oriental Tales by the Grand Lady of French fiction are short stories of myth and mood rather than twist in the tale. They were first published in French in 1938, now published for the first time in English. Anybody who read *Fires*, her marvellous up-dated narratives of classical Greek stories, will know to expect something poetic and

SHORT STORIES

Philip Howard

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By Lawrence Durrell

Faber, £8.95

ORIENTAL TALES

By Marguerite Yourcenar

Translated by Alberto

Manguel

Alain Ellis, £8.95

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By Alberto Moravia

Translated by Tim Parks

Secker & Warburg, £9.50

LEARNING TO SWIM

AND OTHER STORIES

By Graham Swift

Heinemann, £9.95

hauntingly strange, full of allegory and fable. The Chinese painter, who loves his images of things and not the things themselves, saves himself from execution by painting himself into his own work. The Indian goddess Kali in her unhappiness discovers the emptiness of desire. Oriental is interpreted generously so that several of the stories take place in the harsh morality of Greece, and one in Amsterdam, about an obscure contemporary of Rembrandt's. She is fascinated by paint. A young Greek boy is struck dumb for having seen the Nereids naked. The Virgin Mary stalks the mountain beside the nymphs; an Asian Don Juan dies remembering almost all his loves, except the one that matters. The translation is suitably poetic, slipping only occasionally into Wardour Street. "The plaza atop the village."

Moravia is filmlike and psychologically tense. His dust jacket shows the leaning tower of Pisa in the sunset, and his subjects include bestiality, paedophilia, flagellation, and incest. You could well describe some of the stories as pornography in the extreme acceptance of the word. But he is a master of mood and atmosphere of the world, the flesh, and the devil, who makes a guest appearance in several of the stories.

Graham Swift is one of our best and most imaginative young writers of fiction. This reissue of the collection that made his name reminds us of his fertile invention and wide range, which stretches from a Dorian Gray melodrama to something in the Road Dahl line with a nasty black sting in the tail. Many of them are about people caught in domestic traps, from marriage beds to claustrophobic hotel rooms like an Edward Hopper painting. Mother and father compete over their son, who grows up by suddenly realizing that in this world he has to swim for himself. A boy recognizes in a flash that his uncle killed himself by gorging because his life was empty. From what a ragout of emotion and obsession below the surface are ordinary human lives concealed. In their little ways, short stories can pack as big a punch as big novels.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Small bang theory

Officially it never happened, but I can reveal that the massive security at this month's Tory conference was in fact breached by a man with an exploding cigar, a colleague of Andrew Evans, political editor of the *Cowenry Evening Telegraph*, sent the device to his blackpool hotel as a joke. Evans pocketed it, gaily walked through all the explosive-detection devices at the entrance to the Winter Gardens, then playfully informed security guards of what they had missed. All hell broke loose. Security guards detained and rigorously searched him. Police questioned him, party officials gave him a thorough dressing down, and the party hierarchy debated whether to expel Evans's newspaper from that and future conferences. Doubtless embarrassed, Central Office denied all knowledge of the incident yesterday.

Sheffield Nalga's magazine has been placed in the union's branch rag competition. "A little staid," said the judges. "Then again it's bound to be dullish if you choose articles about the Mass Labour Code in Bulgaria..."

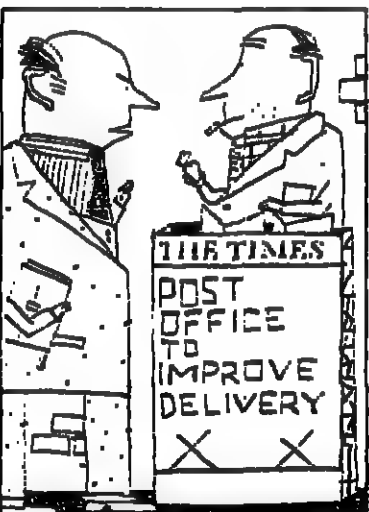
Change of Pace

If the Militant Derek Hatton ever makes the dizzy heights of a relaunched *Desert Island Discs*, I suspect he will not be choosing a Gerry and the Pacemakers number. Which may surprise some who witnessed Hatton bouncing up to Scouser Gerry Marsden at a recent Variety Club dinner to tell him excitedly that the council wanted to make the Sixties star a Freeman of Liverpool. The proposition was due to go before the full council, but the motion has suddenly been postponed. Hatton's office told me yesterday it was because they had a rethink and felt the city's financial state should take priority. It has nothing, I am sure, to do with the fact that for Sunday's "Liverpool Against Militant" rally Marsden sent a telegram, read out before the masses, saying "you've guessed it - 'You'll never walk alone'."

Amazing grace

People may say the Bishop of Durham is uncertain about God, but he seems to have a hunch that the Yeti exists. On Radio Four's *Midweek* yesterday, presenter Libby Purves spoke of his military service in India. "In fact you were telling us in the green room before the programme that you once met a Yeti." Replied the bishop: "Yes, well I wouldn't want to publicise that. That's one of those claims..." But the conversation took place all right: the Abominable Snowman apparently looked like a "great monkey". But then, as I am sure Dr Jenkins would admit, it might have been a great monkey.

BARRY FANTONI



'Damn. Now we'll be getting last year's Christmas cards mixed up with this year's batch'

Black looks

Mrs Thatcher. I am told, could not have been in a more ironic setting than L'Yford Cay in the Bahamas to discuss a plan of action against South Africa. L'Yford - an exclusive millionaire's paradise - is predominantly white with chiefly black servants and "is redolent of life in South Africa". Toby Eady, a literary agent, who first started staying there in the mid-1960s, tells me he saw the black staff being bussed out of the grounds every night. "It's the place for the rich whites." Among the few blacks rich enough to have been there are Diana Ross and *Roots* author Alex Haley. Says Eady: "I remember on one occasion one of the black servants who was carrying hamburgers on a tray was blown by a strong wind into the swimming pool: not a person moved a muscle to help."

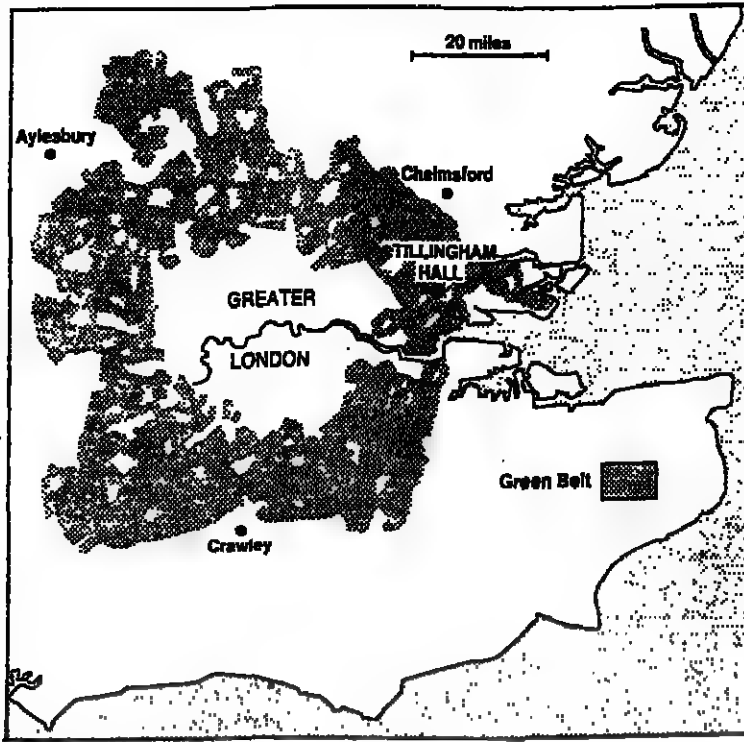
PM tension

Mrs Thatcher's presence in Nassau, meanwhile, caused near hysterics for two black diplomats this week. The pair were wandering down their hotel corridor in a state of confusion since, as they put it, "they had lost their president". Unbeknown to them, Mrs T was walking not a stiletto pace behind, and setting her face at its most complaisant, touched one on the shoulder to ask if she could help. "Good God! It's that woman," the diplomat screeched, and sped off with his colleague hot on his heels. Her presence also affected the big cheques. President Kaunda was heard to quip to Mulrony and Gandhi that they should talk to her "because you two are the most handsome of us all". He added: "Approach her as if you were courting her; that is, don't take no for an answer." Cheeky.

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Land of green ginger-groups

Peter Hall on the battle for the countryside between planners and builders



cities and towns - above all in London, which would take one third of the total.

For the rest, the planners say, small additions to existing towns would suffice. Essex would take fewer than 40,000 homes in all. Berkshire - where another group has announced a new town for 10,000 people south of Reading - would take only 25,000. Clearly, the figures do not add up: the counties and the builders are on a collision course.

Their battle has already landed on ministers' desks. Thurrock Borough Council has failed to determine the Tillingham Hall proposal within the statutory time-limit, and Consortium Developments has appealed to the Department of the Environment. There will now be a public inquiry, and it is bound to be an epic one. For Tillingham - unlike the Berkshire proposal - sits right in the middle of the metropolitan green belt at a sensitive point, where a mere 10 miles separates the outer

edge of Greater London from Basildon.

In other respects it is well sited: a mere four miles from an M25 interchange. It is also next to a commuter railway line from Southend to London. That line will soon connect with the Docklands Light Railway, which opens in 1987 to serve the vast redevelopment area on the Isle of Dogs. In particular, it will serve the gigantic City-overspill office development, for 45,000 financial workers just approved by the London Docklands Development Corporation.

This is symbolic of what is happening generally in the south-east. London is still losing both people and jobs. The big job losses are in manufacturing, while the few gains are in information services. And most of the people who fill these jobs are almost certain to look for new homes on greenfield sites. The planners deny this. They say that the new households tend to be

small and childless: they are being formed by the baby boom generation of 25 years ago, who will seek homes close to the bright lights of the capital. Or so the planners hope.

All this will present a dilemma to central government. Ideologically, ministers - none more so than Kenneth Baker, the new Environment Secretary - are pledged to greater freedom for the entrepreneur. The white paper of the summer, *Lifting the Burden*, has been followed by proposals for simplified planning zones based on the enterprise zone concept.

But the government must be acutely aware that this could prove a flashpoint for the critical marginal constituencies around London, where the Alliance represents a big potential threat. It well remembers that an earlier proposal for a mere 8,000 houses in Berkshire, made by Michael Heseltine when Environment Secretary, was dubbed Heseltown and created bitter local controversy before it was resolved. It also has a letter from 30 Tory MPs asking that future housing development be restricted to certain specific conurbations - a call that Mrs Thatcher has summarily rejected.

Hence, last year, the government simultaneously issued two circulars giving guidance to local authorities: one saying that consent to exist as a policy, they should provide land to meet market demand wherever it arose; the other saying that the green belts would be held. Hence, the new consultation paper says that "normally" SPZs would not apply in green belts, areas of outstanding beauty, conservation areas and the like. And hence Baker's recent appearance in a green tie, with an assurance that he is determined to protect the green belts.

Today regional planning is dead - as witness the demise of the GLC and the metropolitan councils. But the coming battles could prove so politically sensitive that they will again force the government - torn between the necessity to protect the green belt and the need to provide the extra land - into putting together a new strategic plan for the south-east. The next two years will tell.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

The danger that lies between Us and Them

journalists are less sceptical than their British counterparts. Nor have I weighed an actual "we" against a hypothetical "you": throughout the Falklands war, a great deal of the home-based reporting and analysis, particularly in broadcasting, referred to the British forces in terms which would have been valid for references to the Swiss navy, the Costa Rican army, or the Atlantic air force.

There is, it seems, a tendency for many of those who sit upon what I have called the tin thrones of public comment to believe, or at least to behave as though they believe, that they are not part of this nation, but instead members of a corps of referees, convinced that if they take Britain's side they will lose their neutral status and be declared *persona non grata*. (If pressed, they will fall back on the argument that it is their job to be sceptical, to take nothing on trust from government, to speak the truth and shame the devil. But the argument is spurious: the American press finds no difficulty in combining the most brutal scepticism towards the statements of the lying bastards with a healthy understanding of the fact that they and the lying bastards are members of one and the same.)

But in addition to those who would be neutral there is something darker: a body of men and women whose instincts are actually hostile to their own country. I am not referring to the obvious candidates for this role, such as those who want the IRA to win because they want to see Britain turned into the kind of country the IRA would turn all Ireland into. Such people offer a serious threat beyond the direct one. But there are others, who are dangerous in a very different way, not least because in many cases their feeling of hostility, even of enmity, to their own country may be quite unconscious.

A small example first, to make my meaning clear, then a big one. When Miss Zoia Budd was putting forward her claim to British citizenship, it was obvious that if the formalities could be concluded in time she would be eligible to be a member of

the British Olympic team, as indeed she became. It was very plain to me that much of the hostility to the application stemmed from the realization that if she ran for Britain something good might happen to Britain - viz, the winning of gold medals by a British competitor. It is true that for British athletes to win medals will not in itself reverse Britain's economic decline, let alone end unemployment and find a solution to the problem of Northern Ireland: still, it would be a tiny feather in Britain's cap, and it was that which unmistakably fuelled so much of the rage and sneering and accusations of queue-jumping.

Trivial? Yes: then let us return to the Falklands war, the implications

of which were far from trivial. Amid all the legitimate argument, there was an almost tangible yearning, on the part of more people than it is now comfortable to remember, for Britain to lose. This had nothing to do with bringing down Mrs Thatcher, and still less with the rights and wrongs of the dispute. (And we should also remember that those most anxious for their country's defeat were also those who had spent years denouncing the Argentinean rulers - rightly, as a matter of fact - as brutal dictators.) Nor am I thinking of the enemies I mentioned earlier. I am thinking of those who are possessed by a kind of demon, in the form of a wholly irrational rejection of their country's values, system of government, achievements, prospects and freedoms.

I think that is the clue. Alexander Solzhenitsyn has grown hoarse from drawing attention to the terrible paradox of our time: that while those who have no freedom struggle, at the risk of their liberties and sometimes of their lives, to gain a tiny share of it, those who have the whole thing are working night and day to be rid of it. Some, of course, are working on its abolition so that they may inherit the earth; but these come under the heading of the conscious enemy. Much more interesting, and much more dangerous, are those who want to see freedom destroyed because they cannot face, let alone bear, the burden of responsibility that true freedom entails.

Once, a few years ago, as I was watching a demonstration go by, a leaflet was thrust into my hand, its provenance one of the far left groupuscules. It bore the memorable words: "Put Mao Tse Tung thought in charge of everything." If it had said "I want my nanny" it could not have made its unconscious meaning more clear.

It is no use telling me I am imagining all this: I sat up, startled, at hearing the Weinberger press conference precisely because I was so unused, in Britain, to hearing "we" used in such a context. But some of us have ceased to think of ourselves as we, and begun to think of our own country as they, then he and she and I, and all of us and all of you, is and are in trouble, and we had better start thinking urgently of how that came about, and what can be done about it. For if we don't, sooner or later every pronoun we can use will be "they".

You and they and her over there, talking to him, will disappear, and all that will be left is a barren desert of it.

From Mrs Wiggins of Watford. Sir, After a splendid fortnight in Italy I found myself at Rome Airport ready to fly home. Imagine my consternation when I discovered my plane was overbooked and I would have to wait several days for a flight. Well, I had to be home in two days, as I was due to preside at our W.I. "Homage to Bob Geldof" evening, so you can imagine what sort of a flap I was in.

Luckily, a friendly Italian taxi driver told me that if I cashed in my ticket, he would drive me home to Watford for the same money. This seemed fair enough to me, so we cashed it in and set off. I must say, he drove very well in a swash-buckling sort of way (nobody overtook him in Switzerland, where we went through most of the tunnels on the wrong side).

More problems at Dover, where they got sticky about his lack of a passport, till it turned out that a taxi driver does not need one while carrying a fare (so the Common Market is good for something after all). Finally, we got to Watford, only to find out that the Live Aid video had not arrived for the W.I. But guess what - Alfredo stepped into the breach and gave us a talk on "Low Life in Rome". It was wonderful. Give me a good disaster any time!

From Mr and Mrs Binks of Tring. Sir, We turned up at Luton Station prior to joining our Sunspot holiday at Luton Airport and took a cab from the station. After about half an hour, my wife said to me that we seemed to be going through London. Nonsense, I said. Luton is a big place these days. But after a while, when we entered Croydon, I had to agree with her, and I remonstrated with the taxi driver.

Richard Bassett

Ronald Butt

These councils of war

At the centre of Labour politics the hard left has gone quiet. Great advances have been achieved with the power to de-select moderate MPs and new electoral procedures which ensure that nobody disapproved of by the left is elected (hard and soft) is likely to be elected party leader. The left is therefore confident enough in national politics to retreat a little now, so that it can more effectively resume its advance later.

The principal lever of power now being used by the hard left is that available through Labour local authorities and the fringe organizations and activities they support. Mr Derek Hatton, the Militant deputy leader of Liverpool Council, is an extreme exponent of the misuse of local power in the defiance of Parliament. Mr Kinnoch, who is a democrat as well as being unwilling to have the public frightened just now, has therefore denounced him. But there are other Labour councillors in local government, unmentioned by Kinnoch, who are the more dangerous for being more subtle than Hatton.

Last week I discussed the advantage presented to extremists by the heavy concentration of immigrants in inner city areas. Many find integration difficult, and the young, in particular, suffer extensively from the lack of jobs or skills, and are too often encouraged to feel alienated from "white" society.

In some respects, the first of the Inner-city riots over the past five years symbolised an essential part of the problem. It occurred in the St Paul's area of Bristol, in 1981, and was triggered by a police drug raid on a café. Afterwards it was argued on the left that the police would not have tried to enforce the law as they did in view of the affront to the different community culture there, in which drugs play a part.

This dangerous idea, that law enforcement should be different in areas where people have been deliberately encouraged to think of themselves as a culture apart, has not been absent from subsequent riots.

In predominantly Asian areas, however, the problem has not been riots, though there was violence in Southall over the National Front. The different kind of tension that can be fostered within Asian communities is exemplified by the case of Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford head teacher.

From his experience in a school which is over 90 per cent Asian, Honeyford ventured the opinion that "multi-ethnic" educational theories which believed in making such schools reflect the non-British majority culture (the policy of Bradford education committee), were damaging to both Asian and English children. For this he has been vilified by part of the local Asian community, who are egged on by white and Asian extremists. The education authority would have sacked him had not a court judgment brought his reinstatement.

Both kinds of problems illustrate the skill with which left-wing extremists, using all their local power and influence, encourage an aggressive expression of supposed grievances rather than seeking calm solutions through rational discussion. In Bradford, although the Conservatives control the local authority with Liberal support, Labour has a majority on the education committee, as a result of co-optation of left-wingers. The

education authority represents the kind of angry and intolerant politics which the anti-Honeyford campaign still uses to try to keep "striking" children from school.

The Honeyford affair illustrates how extremist action in pressure groups and on the streets can interlock with local authority power, which supports the crisis thus created. The same applies to riots. Of course there was organization at Tottenham, Mr Bernie Grant, the Labour leader of Haringey Council, noted with relish the ability of young blacks to organize themselves against the police, and Labour Party black groups described the riot as anger against "state violence".

Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, tells us that the police knew there were "verges and crates" of petrol bombs stored up on the walkways to be thrown down on them. They could hardly have been produced without organization.

But as well as those who ferment strife in immigrant areas, there is evidence of more widespread plans to use civil disruption for political ends. Thus in London there is an action committee of shop stewards calling itself London Bridge with tactics which include occupying council chambers (it has been done) to get the decisions it wants, digging of roads, street blocks and much else.

All this is connived at within the Labour Party. Those Militants, such as Hatton and his friends, who are the most blatant foes of Parliament, should obviously be ejected from the Labour Party, and denied the ticket which gives them power. Kinnoch's rhetoric will not defeat them.

But the wider problem is more complex. Some authorities simply use every power and local official agency they control to resist the government and entrench socialism. Sheffield under David Blunkett is one such. Other authorities, including the GLC and the London boroughs, also give money to mushrooming, non-acceptable, voluntary "minority" groups which encourage anger and disaffection. The familiar list of eccentric single-issue pressure groups funded by Ken Livingstone's GLC illustrates the method. Many of them did not exist before Livingstone took over, and most of them share a common political viewpoint with the authority which feeds them. Why is the money given to such groups, rather than to authentic bodies which could help to heal social problems?

The unemployment problem of some inner-city immigrant areas is made up of not only lack of work but also of lack of skills and an induced feeling of despair. If all the money that Labour local authorities put into bodies which nourish resentment were devoted to a campaign for training, and if such a campaign were honestly carried by canvassing into the disaffected communities, it could have a genuinely remedial effect on the source of grievance. But that, on the evidence, is not the aim.

All democratic politicians should be worried by the uncertain dividing line between the activities of local authorities and the destructive fringe groups enjoying their patronage. It is a case which could do the systematic and total analysis which the great historian Lewis Namier brought to the mysteries of "connection" in the 18th century. But until that job is done, there is still ample scattered evidence of the menace that faces our democracy.

moreover... Miles Kington

Europe paid for by the meter

Many readers have written to me lately claiming to have had the worst summer holiday experience of their lives this year, as indeed they do every year. I am delighted to bring you some of the most disastrous.

From Mrs Wiggins of Watford. Sir, After a splendid fortnight in Italy I found myself at Rome Airport ready to fly home. Imagine my consternation when I discovered my plane was overbooked and I would have to wait several days for a flight. Well, I had to be home in two days, as I was due to preside at our W.I. "Homage to Bob Geldof" evening, so you can imagine what sort of a flap I was in.

Luckily, a friendly Italian taxi driver told me that if I cashed in my ticket, he would drive me home to Watford for the same money. This seemed fair enough to me, so we cashed it in and set off. I must say, he drove very well in a swash-buckling sort of way (nobody overtook him in Switzerland, where we went through most of the tunnels on the wrong side).

More problems at Dover, where they got sticky about his lack of a passport, till it turned out that a taxi driver does not need one while carrying a fare (so the Common Market is good for something after all). Finally, we got to Watford, only to find out that the Live Aid video had not arrived for the W.I. But guess what - Alfredo stepped into the breach and gave us a talk on "Low Life in Rome". It was wonderful. Give me a good disaster any time!

From Mr and Mrs Binks of Tring. Sir, We turned up at Luton Station prior to joining our Sunspot holiday at Luton Airport and took a cab from the station. After about half an hour, my wife said to me that we seemed to be going through London. Nonsense, I said. Luton is a big place these days. But after a while, when we entered Croydon, I had to agree with her, and I remonstrated with the taxi driver.

It turned out, to my horror, that he was an Italian who had just dropped a fare at Watford and was going back to Rome.

"Don't worry," he said, "I will undercut Mr Sunspot any old day." "That's all very well," I said, "but our holiday is in southern Spain." He paled a bit at this, but turned out to be a good sport and drove us all the way to Granada, where he stayed with us for a couple of days. If he is reading this, I have some holiday snaps of him.

yours

From Dr Wilkins of Brent Cross. Sir, You won't believe this, but while in southern Spain this summer I hired a taxi to get me to the ferry for Morocco. Imagine my surprise when, after the boat had sailed, I found I was actually on the car ferry to Genoa! My taxi driver, who was still on board with his car, showed no surprise.

"You must come and stay with my cousins in Genoa," he said. "No problem." I did, and I had the most wonderful week with the nicest Italian family you can imagine.

yours

From the Misses Brent of Cheltenham. Sir, although in our 70s we still like hitch-hiking round Europe. This summer we were standing forlornly on the outskirts of Genoa with a sign reading "Rome or Bust - All Topics of Conversation Closed", when a taxi driver stopped to pick us up. We got on so well with him on the trip that now he is engaged to be married to one of us, though we are still not sure which. Who says that travel cannot still be exciting?

Alfredo is a wonderful cook, especially of steak and kidney pie, a recipe he says he got from the Watford W.I. but you know what these things Italians tell!

From Signor Alfredo Ricciole of Roma. Sir, you will not believe the story I am about to dissemble. It started at Rome Airport one evening. (This travel correspondence is now closed.)

Cultural exchanges on a tightrope

Budapest As the first week of the largest cultural gathering in Europe ended the Hungarian government breathed a sigh of relief.

The government had played host to 35 countries in a cultural forum provided for by the Helsinki Final Act. As speeches of the British, American, Czech and Soviet delegations made abundantly clear, the differences between the West and the East's views on culture are irreconcilable. But with the exception of some elegant fencing between the Soviet and British delegations over whether socialist art exists, there have been, as the Hungarian paper *Magyar Hirlap* pointed out, few discourteous sallies and the dialogue has generally been constructive.

Even the exchange of rhetoric between Norman St John Stevas, the head of the British delegation, and his Soviet counterpart have been marked by good-natured banter. The Soviet delegate, Piotr Demichev, had told a joke describing a

character in a novel who, on hearing that Columbus had discovered America, demanded that it be closed down. St John Stevas riposted that had Columbus cared to discover the Soviet Union, he might have been asked to open that country up.

This amicable atmosphere was partly overshadowed by the Hungarian government's sudden decision to ban a symposium sponsored by the Helsinki Federation of Human Rights, to have been held in the Intercontinental Hotel. The government's move had a whiff of panic about it. As the Americans forcefully pointed out in an official protest to the Hungarians, it was a violation of their commitment to Helsinki and Madrid, but as a senior Hungarian politician confided to *The Times*, "The West should realize that Hungary at this present time has difficulties."

That many British and other Nato delegates sympathized with these "difficulties" was clear, and the European Community, delivering only an oral protest to the

Hungarians, seemed happy to allow the forum to continue without any bad feeling.

Hungarian dissidents meeting at the alternative symposium still made it clear that they feel that even in Hungary, the acceptable face of the Warsaw Pact, there are intolerable restrictions on cultural life. They insist that the mass media are perverted by a secret and legally undefined censorship.

But if dissidents in Hungary feel the pace of reform is moving too slowly, Western diplomats acknowledge that Budapest is all too aware that Kremlin needs only to sneeze to extinguish its precious prosperity.

Despite the ban on the alternative symposium, many Hungarian dissidents have noticed a considerable relaxation since last June's elections in the surveillance activities of the authorities. László Rajik, perhaps the intellectually most formidable of the country's dissidents, told journalists that *samizdat* materials and meetings of dissidents had rarely been interfered with recently.

مكثامن الأصيل



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

But the UN has had its plus points. Its peacekeeping role, although not covered by the charter, has become an established part of international politics. Fewer than 15,000 troops now sport the pale blue UN beret; as a kind of world police patrolling a ceasefire which the warring parties have agreed to, they have proved their worth. The system does not always work. The outbreak of the Six Day War in 1967 was a mark of its failure. But it has been

The General Assembly for all its imperfections does still constitute a forum in which most of the world's nations can be seen to be heard. That it has been so badly abused by so many who have probably helped to bring the UN itself into disrepute by instituting long and irrelevant debates is a fault which badly needs addressing. Topics like decolonization or disarmament have been turned into propaganda issues suggesting the need for a fundamental examination of agenda and timetables. The assembly still remains part of the steam valve machinery which needs overhauling rather than discarding. And the annual gatherings of foreign ministers in

But the best way to celebrate today is to look to the future of the UN, not its past – and begin the refining process which it needs to press on towards the hopes and the ideals that are still high in the clouds above.

Surely the Government must respond to the voice of our young people, even if it is only in recognition of the fact that increased overseas aid is now a vote winner amongst the young?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BEDFORD, Director,
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October 22.

None of the above applies, of course, to moral suasion or private abstention from commercial or other intercourse with South Africa. Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SKIDELSKY,
University of Warwick,
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Yet only two years ago the Prime Minister was a vigorous advocate of sanctions. She readily imposed a total trade embargo against Argentina at the time of the Falklands

A trial which has excited more interest than any other in this country for many years, perhaps greater than any since the trial of PALMER for poisoning COOK, ended on Saturday as the only way in which it could end.

offer of a council "starter flat"), had only one option: to have their babies adopted. There are still many more

For those of us in organisations who pick up the pieces of Mr Anderson's "normal" family casual-

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Yours faithfully,
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October 21.

the trial, the demeanour of innocence so counterfeited as to deceive any one who forgot the evidence, and the imperturbability with which he stood cross-examination and sought to

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Sir John Hermon is also tactless, especially prone to nettles the Garda Síochána, the Republic's police force. This time Irish ministers too reacted sharply to what he is reported to have said. He was addressing a seminar of police chiefs in Houston, Texas. His remarks were reported in the *Toronto Sun*, picked up by the *Irish Times*, and detonated in Dublin now jumpy from the pro-longation of the semi-secret Anglo-Irish negotiations. Sir

notes confirm, so the Northern Ireland Office says, that Sir John did not criticize the Garda in the manner implied, that they are a fine body of men and do not lack the will to combat terrorism, and that co-operation on the ground between the two forces is good — though he did permit himself to express concern at the scale of resources made available to the Garda for the suppression of terrorism.

virtues is that he is liable to say things that cause his political masters and their opposite numbers much trouble in clearing up afterwards. The same fault is partly responsible for the bad personal relations between the chief constable and the commissioner of the Garda Síochana. That is something which both men owe a duty to their forces and their governments to remedy. This incident unfortunately makes that matter worse.

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the majority of Commonwealth countries": "it is a Commonwealth mainly of tyrannies, of prejudices and privileges, and there are very few member countries where power

Secondly, the Lieutenant-Governor did not at this stage deny the Premier's request for a new election; it had already been made clear "through the usual channels" that such a request would not be entertained if it were possible for an alternative government to be formed.

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October 10

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just that in his diatribe against sociology (October 8). He pins this to an account of a British Association event, on which others

Dr Scruton must pick his way in reading sociology much as the Devil does in reading the Bible. I know of a few sociologists who seem to equate any exercise of power with violence. Most do not. But those

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The mettle of a backbencher of course shows most obviously in the Chamber. It is a place for such tireless loquacity as that shown by Mr Tam Dalyell. The

would the House of Commons be like if stuffed full of the likes of the Member for Newham North East West or Ealing North - assiduous attenders both, persistent in their questions, and promiscuous in their delivery of opinion?

in particular to be found in the lobby whenever the House divides. He may further these ends by his eloquence. He may do so even more effectually by his silence."

involved will no doubt want to comment. But in any case, unless five feathers make a hen, summary allegations against "several academic sociologists" are hardly evidence that "the resources of a whole discipline are diverted to the

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THE ARTS

Dance
Sleep's ebullient transformationsHot Shoe Show
Palladium

One thing is for sure: Wayne Sleep is in no danger of putting on weight during the run of his *Hot Shoe Show*. Although he is only featured in about half the numbers, they are all the most prominent ones, and between whiles he is either adding a sardonic word of introduction or comment, or busy changing from one costume to another.

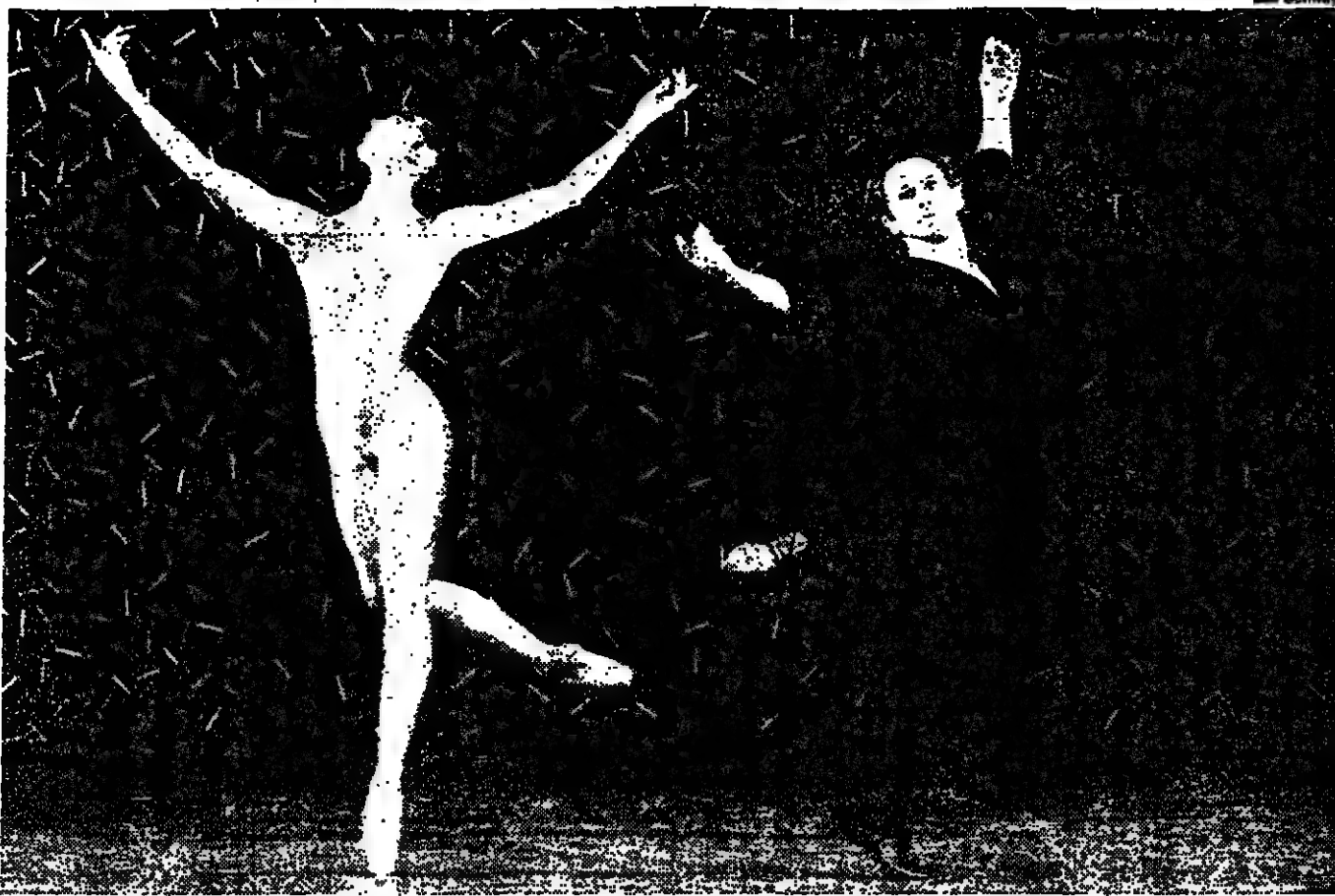
The most elaborate of his transformations is into Lena Sweezy for a *Come Dancing* ballroom sequence and I guess that it is pure chance that makes him, in his blonde wig and diamond spectacles, so much resemble a caricature of Mrs Mary Whitehouse, since one can hardly imagine that lady waltzing, languorously or cha-ching in mauve shoes, orange gloves and an enormous pink and green frock.

One or two numbers are familiar from previous shows: his clever Chaplin impersonation and his tumble-bug flying eventually into a puff of insecticide. But most of the show was new to me, even if it understandably repeats the formulae that have proved successful before now on stage and screen.

There is a reminder of Sleep's television associations in the opening number, which finds him alone in a screen-shaped frame, and maybe in some of the take-offs too. These include a *Fame*-type number for the company and a dance on *Thin Ice* for Sleep and Nicholas Traherne. Not being familiar with the celebrated T & D, I must take it from the laughter and applause that the likeness was a telling one.

It is difficult to be as enthusiastic about Sleep's singing as his dancing. That goes, too, for the rest of the cast; but at least they all tackle the one as zestfully as the other. And, if they are not always successful in projecting their words above the four-piece band (drums, guitar, bass and percussion, with the music director, David Arch, presumably providing the piano solo), from what we did hear that might not always have been a great disadvantage.

The supporting cast get more breaks than in some of Sleep's earlier shows, particularly in a series of short, unannounced dance jokes: a libidinous square-dance entry, a ballerina whose mother persists in phoning her at work and a swan-hunter whose arrow falls to tell, these and some of the other light-hearted entries work



Whizzing glamorously around: Marion St Clair with Wayne Sleep

better than the occasional more serious number.

Rosilyn Whitten, looking much more at home on this stage than she did at Covent Garden, has a soulfully

sexy duet with Noel Wallace; Simon Horrell and Ian Knowles are others who have made the jump successfully from ballet to showbiz. There is also a solo spot for a guest star, it was

Marion St Clair on Tuesday, whizzing round the stage glamorously in red tights.

Essentially, though, it is Wayne Sleep's diminutive shoulders that carry the evening

with Napoleonic drive, jumping, spinning and tapping away with unfailing energy and still relishing the limelight even when he has to pause for breath.

John Percival

Television

Rights of initiation

The passage to university is one of the few initiation rites of a tribal nature to survive, and so *Queens' A Cambridge College* (BBC2), in its second episode, described the academic equivalent of circumcision, or walking on hot coals, or whatever was once done to prepare youth for maturity.

Certainly these rites are no less distressing for those who undergo them, since there is nothing more unnerving than one's first days in Cambridge (I speak from bitter if long memory): the moving in, the arrival of a strange creature calling itself a "bedder", the first dinner in Hall which rivals Belshazzar's Feast for its sense of impending doom.

But certain things have changed in the last decade or so: Birth-control leaflets are now distributed to first-year students in the college where Erasmus laboured over the New Testament, and apparently the "television room" is packed to the doors each night. The most astonishing spectacle of all, however, was that of the vast

number of students attending a meeting of the Christian Union. Only twenty years ago such a society would have attracted fewer members than a philatelic club; now, on the evidence of last night's programme, it has become an evangelical force.

Nevertheless the underlying atmosphere of Cambridge seems not to have altered: among the first-year students there is still the same mixture of the boisterous, the eccentric and the overwhelmed. All of them, however, shared that bright eagerness which rarely, if ever, survives and one could sense even in this optimistic programme the seeds of that lassitude and boredom which can descend almost immediately after the excitement of arrival.

Queens' is not perhaps an adventurous documentary (except maybe in terms of its "access" to previously inaccessible places) but it is certainly a fascinating one - invaluable, really, as a study in social change.

Peter Ackroyd

Concerts

Musical masks

LPO/Conlon

Festival Hall/Radio 3

It would have taken only an operatic aria or two scattered among the orchestral items to make a real Victorian concert evening of it. Long, miscellaneuous and hedonistic, the London Philharmonic's programme offered no central focus; rather it was an engaging parade of party pieces of the sort that are all too deceptively tricky to bring off.

The orchestra seemed unready for it all at the beginning. Their overture was Mozart's "Linz" Symphony, sounding not over-well rehearsed, dangerous when the reading has more benevolence than ballast about it, as James Conlon's did on Tuesday. Towards the end of the evening, when things were in full swing, they responded more positively to his blithe direction of Debussy's *Jour*. Even here, though, the focus did slip once too often, blurring what must be the most delicately projected images of shifting motives and textures.

When the waltz which had been haunting this "poème dansé" at last reached its apotheosis in Ravel's *La Valse*,

it did so with more incineration than intoxication, with Conlon pushing for too much too soon, and taking Ravel's evocation of the Habsburg court rather too much at face value.

What the evening lacked in style and sophistication, it made up for in celebration. There was Saint-Saëns's 150th birthday year, for instance, and Oscar Shumsky to fête it in a delightfully idiomatic, periodically comical performance of his Violin Concerto No 1. His typically nonchalant virtuosity, which had made such mischief in the Rondo of Mozart's Fourth Violin Concerto, teased from the Saint-Saëns a sentiment that was neither smug nor merely sentimental.

Shumsky knows instinctively how to handle a passage such as the work's singing second theme. He would gingerly taste the sweetness which Saint-Saëns had originally designed for Sarasate's palate, and modify it for his own delectation with perfectly judged breaths, lightening of tempo and brightenings of tone. It brought distinction to an evening which otherwise had little character beneath its many masks.

Hilary Finch

London Baroque
Wigmore Hall

The Early Music Centre Festival, which runs until Sunday, is certainly exploring the byways as well as the highways. Here, for pre-1800 was a chance to enjoy instance, was a chance to enjoy (if that is not too positive a word) a string trio by Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly.

The Edinburgh-based laird was born in 1732 like Haydn, but the similarity ends there, as the similarity of Haydn's witty a performance Trio No 5, sub-Eisenstadt demonstrated. Still, quantity, formless melodic repetitions and leaden bass lines will doubtless provide material for someone's doctoral thesis; perhaps they already have done. More rewarding was Alessandro Scarlatti's solo cantata *Correa nel seno amato*. Though *Correa nel seno amato*, usually its story is more than usually broken - the ubiquitous heart-felt - the ubiquitous talking to the broken shepherd under natural trees and any other natural phenomena unlucky enough to be caught in carshot - Scarlatti's

arching, often strongly chromatic melodies and vocative melismas have a direct appeal that transcends the text's pastoral conventions. Emma Kirby was a perfect advocate, clear in tone and elegant in delivery; and a near-capacity audience seemed to lap it up.

The evening's highlight, however, was undoubtedly her deliciously light and impeccably stylish performance of three airs from Rameau operas. It was in the exotic flurries of scales and trills depicting the awakening of spring in *Le Giralde*, too, that London Baroque hit their most persuasive form.

This chamber group has plenty of imagination: the dynamic scheme for a Corelli trio sonata played cleverly on the sequential patterns, and the bustle of the violin-playing in a Bach sonata was effectively balanced by a solid bass doubled at the lower octave. But more than once the violinists lost their nerve and their intonation.

Richard Morrison

Rock
Man Jumping
Africa Centre

Arisen from the ashes of The Lost Jockey, an all-keyboards orchestra that (like Michael Nyman) reflected a British interest in the techniques of "systems" composition pioneered in America, Man Jumping aim to take those ideas, and a few others, on to the discotheque floor.

Their first recording, an LP titled *Jump Out*, was released a year ago to praise from the discriminating end of the pop avant-garde. Somehow, though, the eight members of the group did not get around to making their first public appearance until this week, when their informal fan club gathered in a small hall in Covent Garden to hear what they could make of their ideas without the luxury of the second-thoughts afforded by a recording studio.

Vernacular idioms are, by and large, the products of a natural expression regularly repeated in a familiar environment; when one is dealing with a synthesis incorporating salsa, Afro-beat, jazz, calypso and funk, the appearance of sheet music usually predicts the departure of spontaneity. The gearbox through which these gears are meshed is simply in need of the oil of live performance.

Two or three times, though, they indicated their potential. The rhythmic subdivisions of "Something in the City" made a cunning game, enabling Andy Blake to deploy three of his saxophones to interesting structural effect within the web of four keyboards. "Squeeze", a lilting soca melody, showed an attractive lightness of touch, and "Belle Dux on the Beach" blended irresistible funk and Latin figurations with the more valuable lessons - principally to do with dramatic changes of density - learnt from Philip Glass.

They need a larger hall, to let their exotic textures breathe; more sophisticated amplification, to enhance vital details; and regular concerts, to ease their stiffness. Then they will fulfil the promise of *Jump Out*.

Richard Williams

To switch from Elizabethan courtier to New York gangster in the space of six hours is just the sort of identity crisis Arthur Davies relishes. His double triumph at the Met on English National Opera's United States tour - *Gloriana's* Essex in the afternoon, *Rigoletto's* Duke in the evening - was no bad preparation for the enigma of Gounod's *Faust*. Philosopher, collaborator, rake, *Faust* is a role which, when ENO's new production opens tonight, will be Davies's first as a member of the company, and one which he has been looking forward to for years.

Not as many years as you might think, though. Davies, drawn to singing through Mario Lanza, Elvis Presley and Welsh chapel choir, back home, was part working in an engineering factory when he was 22. At 27 he started on what he had known in his heart he always wanted to do by enrolling at the Royal Northern College of Music, and then going on to sing in the Welsh section of Opera for All. Then came a chorus contract at Welsh National Opera which required him to find accommodation in Cardiff while still supporting his family in their council house in Wrexham.

"The only financially viable way of living was to sell my car, buy a van, convert it into a caravanette, and live in Cardiff's Pontcanna Fields. It was quite convenient actually. I used to take it on tour and save on hotels...." When Davies

New York theatre
Doomed grandeur

For a change, the New York theatre season has begun on an upswing. If the new British-American Equity exchanges can accommodate a revival, let it be Jose Quintero's production of *The Iceman Cometh* (Lunt-Fontanne Theatre).

I am not an ardent fan of O'Neill and his repetitious dramas often affect me like Chinese water tortues, but from the moment the curtain rises on Ben Edwards's grey-green bar-room, and Thomas R. Skelton's light filters through grimy windows to reveal sleeping drunks in a scene painted by Edward Hopper, under the influence of Bosch, a pall of doomed grandeur ennobles the production.

Jason Robards as Hickey is so effortless he seems not even to have bones; you only know they are there when he moves, snapping his fingers and flashing a grin somewhere between a toothy smile and a death-mask grimace. As the philosophizing Larry Slade, with sunken eyes and agonized expression, Donald Moffat resembles a brooding martyr. Even if there were not too many other fine portrayals to be cited here, the production would be remarkable for these. If you want to know how O'Neill is searingly alive in his native land, this *Iceman* must come over.

The first two British works to be given new productions here have met with mixed responses. A largely warm reception greeted *A Man of the World*, with Jonathan Seth repeating his curiously Victor Methe. David Hare's drama has been handsomely mounted at the Public Theatre.

Elizabeth McGovern in the role originated by Diana Quick, however, rarely captivates Mr Hare's own production. Beautiful she is, and with a flair for eccentric comedy, but as a temptress she is a wholesome Girl Guide. There is no trouble with the men in the cast - Zejklo Ivanek as the hot-headed British journalist demonstrates once again that he is among our most versatile young actors. When last seen, he won a Tony nomination for, among other

hilarities, enlightening his younger brother about Presidential sex habits in Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Songs and Dances* (Royale Theatre) won rave reviews for Bernadette Peters' performance, but no others. Its orchestration is pretentious, amplification is preposterous, choreography by Peter Martins and staging by Martins and Richard Malby Jr is merely busy, and design elements are colourful but cheap-looking. Christopher d'Amboise is a computerized lead dancer who executes his movement well technically but with all the personality of a cardboard cut-out.

This leaves the show mostly to Miss Peters, who sings wonderfully even those passages when Lloyd Webber again shows his determination to drive female singers to basso profundity. She makes us see her man-of-the-moment just by the way she caresses one's boots and clenches another's phone and, though her character is hopelessly idiotic, she makes it appealing.

I thought *Songs and Dances* might have suffered from being blown out of proportion in a Broadway house until I saw Lily Tomlin walk alone on to a bare stage of similar size and, for more than two hours, hold the audience on her lap.

In *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* (Plymouth Theatre), co-produced with and written and directed by Jane Wagner, Miss Tomlin plays a variety of characters without change of costume or make-up. The slightest alteration of pitch and diction tells us one of two hookers is black, and that another woman is a jaded sophisticate; the way Trudy the Bag Lady puts on and rolls her pantsy hose down to her ankles, the way she likes them, then skitters around the stage avoiding tripping over them, is virtuoso miming.

There are abundant one-liners, usually in character: a rebellious teenager complains that her parents take her to fast-

The effortless Jason Robards (top), with Bernard Hughes as Harry Hope, in *The Iceman Cometh*

food places and tell her to eat slowly, a trend-follower is called "upwardly immobile", a feminist husband wants to be a "holistic capitalist" and knows where he was when Sylvia Plath died. A theme, the search for continuity in the universe - binds the scenes, is a subject for discourse as Trudy communes with visiting extra-terrestrials, and has an emotional pay-off in the last minutes.

Yet, even as I felt my throat catch at the end, I resisted the sick sketching of the feminists who learn that no one can have it all, and the rest of the personae. They exist somewhere between nightclub (or television) blackout and real dramatic characters of indeterminate genre, and more often slide through my head than touch my heart. Perhaps the Tomlin-Wagner creations are looking to carve out their own place in the continuity of characters presented on Broadway stages. As we need all the creativity we can get, they have received an exuberant welcome.

Holly Hill

to come back to the *Faust* of the book, Goethe's *Faust*. Davies's first reactions to the score were similar to those voiced by Bertolt after its premiere: "Some of the loveliest things and some of the most mediocre". "Because it's a bit of a mish-mash, Ian Judge has tried to carry through a thread of its original sense of evil, more evil, perhaps, than is suggested by Gounod. The manipulation by Mephistopheles, for example, the sheer enormity of the concept of being taken over by the devil.

"It feels very comfortable on the voice, I must say. Perhaps it means my voice is particularly well suited to French music. That remains to be seen." As a member of the company now, Davies is already finding new doors opening. *Don Giovanni*, *Maria Stuarda* and Busoni's *Doktor Faust* are all coming up.

"At the moment, everything's happening at such a hectic pace, all I have time for is learning music." And in the tiny spaces between the notes "I go back to Wales and get on my bike, I play golf whenever I can, I fiddle around on a computer - all my concerts, venues, programmes are in there so I don't duplicate things. And I do like knocking walls down and building kitchens. I can be a bit of a maniac at times. I've just built a dining-room table that converts into a snooker table. Brazilian mahogany. Nice, that. At the moment I've got a patio to do. The foundations are all there."

"No. He adapted the idea rather than the book - though in this production we're tending

London theatre
Relish for satireParticular
Friendships
Hampstead

Taking its cue from the rule, forbidding close friendships in certain monastic orders, Martin Allen's play shows the same prohibition applying inside the closed world of television.

Particular Friendships begins as a breezy, well-informed media comedy, set in the office of a documentary unit and building up sharp little portraits of the team who are devoting their waking hours to a series of "Working Women". From the Sloane Ransing secretary to the bespectacled researcher avid for his directing break, they are what you would expect. But, such is the quality of the casting (Caroline Bliss and John Price), another lonely soul, and for the first time finds herself making a production, they come over as people rather than walking clichés, and one of Mr Allen's particular talents is to ridicule the chances of winning a BAFTA and show characters up without demolishing them.

That is particularly so with the unit's two boss figures: Jevon, the departmental head, and whom Philip Voss plays with a mastery ability to control his subordinates with a buntery smile and a deaf ear; and Caroline Blakston, "the producer Lorna, whose gusting charm over the phone is matched by her woundingly sardonic treatment of her office colleagues. Lorna's one strength is to get programmes out on time. Otherwise, the only thing in her life is a tepid affair with Jevon who is never going to leave his wife. You might say that she is a bit of a nun.

The play gets into top gear with the arrival of a former nun

as the new production assistant, and the decision to complete the series with a programme on a vastly successful businesswoman who has retired into a convent. This idea presents great scope for satire which Mr Allen seizes with relish, showing the researcher backing it as "a challenge to the success ethos the media swamp us with". There speaks a media man salivating with the desire for success. The comedy then changes direction when the PA breaks indignantly into the discussion to reveal her own indelible knowledge of convent life.

Lorna's first impulse is to put her down with a high status sneer. But, during a sleepless night on location at the convent, she establishes a bond with the PA (Celia Imrie) as (Caroline Bliss and John Price), another lonely soul, and for the first time finds herself making a production, they come over as people rather than walking clichés, and one of Mr Allen's particular talents is to ridicule the chances of winning a BAFTA and show characters up without demolishing them.

The remainder of the play shows the television community taking its revenge; first by removing her friend, and then by impelling her back into professional compromise. Mr Allen brings about her defeat too glibly; and it also has the effect of flattering the spectator with comfortable assurances that professional success is a no substitute for married life.

Otherwise, this is an expertly crafted piece (witness Mr Allen's scene breaks, each with its ondriving narrative kick) by a writer who understands the nature of ambition and the rules of status as well as the details of programme-making.

Irving Wardle

The Grace of Mary
Traverse
Royal Court

Oppressed by her pampered, closeted existence as the only child of a first-generation gent, the pert, witty young lady of the title pays her housekeeper to conduct her on a forbidden tour of Georgian London. Her first encounter with the "real" world consists of watching the idiotic Lord Gordon rape a young walf at swordpoint against a lamp-post; her second comes when she pays a fake 50 guineas to relief her of her virginity in a garret.

Next we find her in a Drury Lane den, winning handsomely at piquet and at cock-fighting (cue: several minutes' worth of puns) and then, losing heavily on a slow-motion race between two hobbling crows. Later, pregnant and suffering from the clap, she performs a sexual service for her father in Vauxhall Gardens; declines to come home like the good girl she used to be, and embraces the politics of Paine, only to find her brave words turning to ashes in her mouth in the embers of the Gordon Riots.

Timberlake Wertenbaker's play is a clotted, uneven alloy of Shavian comedy and feminist wish-fulfilment in which the themes of the alleged Enlightenment are taken on board and then ditched according to whim; too much of the dialogue sounds to be hedged in with

inverted commas and some of the curtain lines are unnecessarily portentous; as a result, we get types instead of characters.

Some of the types, however, are worth watching. Harold Innocent doubling as the bewitched father and the dissolute Lord Exrake; Eve Matheson as the plaintive walf (I have never heard "Lowland Away" sung so beautifully); James Smith as the dangerously composed politician Mr. Manners. In the role Janet McTeer steers her way with spirit through the downright implausibilities of the story. Danny Boyle's production is well complemented by Christopher Toulmin's lighting.

Martin Cropper

Opera, an irregular visitor to Los Angeles in the past few decades, returns to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion next autumn. The Los Angeles Music Center Opera, under the direction of Peter Hemmings, opens its first season with *Otello*, with Plácido Domingo in the title role and Rosalind Plowright as Desdemona. The new production is by Götz Friedrich. This will be followed later in October 1986 by *Salome* staged by Sir Peter Hall, his first Strauss production; Maria Ewing sings the title role. In 1987 Domingo is expected to appear as both tenor and conductor; he sings Rodolfo in *La Bohème* and will conduct *Macbeth*. Jonathan Miller that year will produce *Tristan und Isolde*, conducted by Zubin Mehta.

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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Halifax gives investors a little extra help

The successful issue of index-linked stock by the Halifax Building Society yesterday is a potentially important innovation both for housing development and for institutional investors - not to mention the Greenwell, which have set off their intended merger in a most constructive way.

There has been a lot of debate about the potential for extending the index-linked loan sector beyond Government borrowing. It could be vital if the private sector has to take more responsibility for index-linked pensions in future. Finance for rented housing soon emerged as the most promising area that might allow a private sector organization to commit itself to index-linking.

The role played by the Halifax, the biggest building society, as an intermediary between the City and housing developments, gives investors a top name borrower and allows loans of a sufficient size to be constructed to enjoy a potential market.

For a start, the Halifax is raising a modest £15 million at 3.75 per cent linked to the retail price index two months in advance of payment. Greenwell has placed the stock privately with the pension funds and insurance companies at £99 per £100, giving a yield of 3.93 per cent, some 60 points premium over indexed linked government debt. The loans are for 35 years and are fully matched against mortgage advances by the Halifax.

The Halifax innovation enables the society to lend money in an attractive form to housing associations and to Milton Keynes Development Corporation, which will take £10 million. This is part of its programme (along with other leading building societies) to help housing in other ways than straightforward finance for owner-occupation. The initial issue will finance more than 1,300 shared ownership and rented properties. And lest depositors cavil at a new type of loan which ranks with deposits for security, the Halifax is taking a useful turn on the money. It is advancing the funds at 4.5 per cent.

The reception of this first matched issue has ensured that the Halifax-Montagu initiative could lead to something much bigger. The Halifax itself sees this as the first in a series of issues. It has approved issues up to £50 million if and when required and there is already talk of £100 million. The Halifax is already thinking of a listing for the stock.

Given the pattern of the last building society finance innovation - floating rate notes - other societies may follow. Yesterday the Alliance and Leicester joined the rapidly growing list of society floaters with a £150 million issue.

The question is how far index-linking finance for housing might develop. There are already other modest schemes of this kind. The Halifax has no plans to offer index-linked finance for conventional owner-occupier mortgages, where there are both tax and marketing problems. The Nationwide has some index-linked mortgages financed in part by a personal pension plan.

There is little doubt that there is a market among institutions for index-linked stock at a premium over government issues. Having forged the link between Montagu's building society expertise and Greenwell's knowledge of the market, the new big bang duo is not likely to rest on its laurels.

Meanwhile the City and the Halifax have already performed a helpful role in supplementing private-sector money for low-cost housing, which might otherwise have been starved of public funds in a new and highly appropriate form.

Lone voice in City wilderness

Cassandra, although nearing a well-earned retirement, is still alive and well and assiduously haunting the City from an eyrie appropriately overlooking the old site of the executioner's block on Tower Hill.

David Hopkinson, deputy chairman and managing director of the M&G Group of unit trusts, has been a consistent, persistent and, at the beginning, virtually solo voice warning against the impending perils of the big bang which is due to explode in the City next year. Yet, as the winking hour approaches, Mr Hopkinson's strictures sound more, rather than less, realistic and his audience grows

correspondingly discomfited, and more attentive.

He has clearly decided that the tide is running in his favour and the time is past for mincing words. This week he directed the attention of the Association of Corporate Treasurers to the attempt to build domestic financial groups capable of rivaling the best of the US and Japan, berating the Bank of England, no less, for forgetting that "overtrading is one of the quickest routes to bankruptcy, and neither the Bank nor the Government will be acquitted of blame by the media or the politicians or the small saver when bankruptcies result".

As if that were not enough, he dismisses the financial institutions themselves as having "fallen for the heresy that everybody can be an expert at everybody else's business, and that financial conglomerates are the answer to a maiden's prayer". That must cause a whine at Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank which owns 42 per cent of M&G.

As the publication of the Financial Services Bill draws nigh, Mr Hopkinson urges the Government to repent and agree to pay the cost of a Securities and Exchange Commission. "They have a duty to protect the individual against lust and covetousness and, equally, they have a similar duty against greed", he says of Whitehall.

It will come as no surprise that his remedies for these potential ills is spun from the purest fundamentalism. Mr Hopkinson wants commercial banking and investment banking split asunder: market makers prevented from dealing for discretionary investment clients; and no merchant bank to be allowed to deal as a principal for a corporate takeover client.

Alas, Mr Hopkinson, a wise and gentle man, seems destined to go unheeded, as he has during much of the public debate hitherto. But no one can complain if, in return, the cry "I told you so" is heard emanating from a certain retirement cottage in the next few years.

Society and bank sever link

The designers have decided that financial supermarkets are what the public wants. The public, however, is still relatively unsophisticated in matters financial: its prime requirement from banks and building societies is simply easy access to buying power.

Bristol & West Building Society was in the vanguard of the movement to provide building society customers with a full banking service, having joined with Standard Chartered in June 1983 to launch Moneylink. Yesterday these pioneers announced that they were abandoning the idea. The building society is part of the ever-increasing network of hole-in-the-wall cash dispensers which can provide customers with the crisp currency they require. The bank is busily trying to build on the most basic needs of unsophisticated customers, providing unsecured loans.

Moneylink seemed a good idea at the time, although it was soon overtaken by other bank-building society schemes that offered better interest rates or more efficient systems for sweeping funds from the building society into the current account. Other building society cheque accounts such as that operated by the Alliance in conjunction with Bank of Scotland do have their devotees, but what customers primarily want from their financial services is simplicity.

Standard Chartered had hankered after plain and simple banking, and linked with Bristol & West on the rebound when its attempted merger with Royal Bank of Scotland was vetoed by the Monopolies Commission. The bank now has 15 "money shops" in the high street and claims that planning permission is its greatest obstacle towards doubling the number by the end of next year.

It has found that without getting involved in complicated transfer arrangements with building societies, there is still money to be made from the customers who might be wary of the Big Four. Today Standard Chartered will sign up with its tenth building society, the Walthamstow (Bristol & West is not on this list) to offer unsecured loans of up to £5,000 to building society customers. The loans are for all those areas that building societies are not allowed to reach. It is very good business.

PCW names excluded from Lloyd's tax settlement

By Alison Eadie

The 1,500 Lloyd's names on loss-stricken former PCW syndicates have been excluded from Lloyd's £43.5 million settlement with the Inland Revenue for 1982 and prior years. The news has come as a bombshell to the names, who presumed they were part of the settlement when Lloyd's announced last week that only 23 individuals had been excluded.

The 23 were those heavily involved in some of the major scandals which have rocked Lloyd's in the past few years.

No senior Lloyd's official was available to comment on the tax settlement yesterday.

Additional Underwriting Agencies (3), which now manages the affairs of PCW names, has written to names by telling them the Revenue does not consider their tax affairs resolved.

The Revenue, in a letter to

AUA3, said: "The central settlement covered only roll-over policies, time and distance policies and reinsurance to close for 1982 and prior years. There are other points at issue between us which need to be resolved before names' tax affairs can be settled finally for past years."

"Money representing taxable income has been distributed to names free of tax. No accounts have been agreed by the Revenue since the 1979 account, and certain adjustments to the account are required before they can be accepted as a basis for determining names' tax liabilities."

"If these matters cannot be settled quickly, there could be a block against a name claiming full repayment of tax until agreement has been reached since it would not be possible for the Revenue to agree

unrestricted losses."

Sir Ian Morrow, the chairman of AUA3, told names in his letter that the Revenue intended to make a proposal which, if accepted, would resolve all outstanding tax matters. AUA3 has no idea yet what this proposal might be.

Solicitors acting for a steering committee of PCW names have expressed outrage to AUA3 about the names' exclusion from what was thought to have been a blanket settlement between Lloyd's and the Revenue.

The Revenue's main concern appears to be the £38 million which was paid to names tax-free last year in compensation for money which had been defrauded from the syndicates.

The compensation offer was made by Minet Holdings, which owned the PCW syndicates, and

by Alexander and Alexander Services, the American parent of Alexander Howden through which much of the misappropriated money was channelled offshore. The danger of a headline Revenue attitude was known at the time of the offer, and was one of the reasons names were reluctant to accept the offer.

In July last year the Revenue told the PCW managers that it was considering disallowing tax relief on premiums of £19 million for the years 1970 to 1979 and was also considering penalties.

PCW names, who face losses of £130 million as a result of bad underwriting and inadequate reinsurance, which they believe is a direct result of past fraud, are planning to sue Minet, and Howden, and Lloyd itself for alleged failure to regulate the market.

STC to cut 135 jobs

STC, the troubled telecommunications and electronics company, is cutting 135 jobs in London, and plans to sell off its central London head office, STC House, in the Strand.

STC House is a leasehold property, said to have a "substantial" unexpired period with about 79,000 sq ft of offices on nine floors. It could be worth £20 million.

About 100 of the 175 staff at STC House will lose their jobs. Some of those remaining will go to the company's other London offices.

Another 125 jobs will go from its components subsidiaries.

'Bid defence'

The proposed merger between Wingate Property Investments and Trafalgar Park Estates is being seen as a defensive move against a possible bid from Peel Holdings, the retail warehouse developer.

The rate of interest on National Savings Income Bonds and Deposit Bonds will be cut to 12 per cent from 13.25 per cent from tomorrow.

Gerrard steady

Gerrard and National, the discount house, declared an unchanged interim dividend of 3p, payable on December 4. Clive Discount Holdings announced an interim dividend of 0.5p (1.14p), but waived consideration of a special interim dividend. Payment is on November 25. *Tempus, page 21*

Etam gain

Etam, the womenswear retailer, made taxable profits in the 32 weeks to September 7 of £4.4 million, up 41 per cent. The dividend is 28 per cent higher at 1.15p. French Connection, the clothes designer and wholesaler, made interim profits of £2.9 million compared with £3.8 million last year. The dividend was unchanged at 1.75p. *Tempus, page 21*

In good health

London and Northern, the construction and health care group, lifted profits from £7.47 million to £7.94 million before tax in the six months to June 30. Turnover was up from £109 million to £148 million and the interim dividend was raised from 1.85p to 2.1p. *Tempus, page 21*

Big cut in jobs at Express 'unlikely'

By Cliff Feltham

Lord Matthews yesterday gave the new owners of the Express newspaper group little chance of solving the overmanning in Fleet Street.

Asked whether he thought United Newspapers would achieve their aim of a 20 per cent cut in the workforce he said: "I wouldn't have thought so - I tried."

Lord Matthews said he did not think employees had too much to fear. "I think they will be alright and things will go on. Lots of things are said during takeover battles."

Commenting after the last annual meeting of Fleet Holdings, Lord Matthews admitted that he had personally bought 200,000 Fleet shares on the final day of the takeover battle to try to stave off United.

During the meeting he did not hide his disappointment at the outcome, which he said was decided by six to ten City institutions.

He said it was most unlikely he would stay on in the new set-up. He said he had no strong views on whether to remain in the newspaper industry, although he would continue as chairman of the London Standard, jointly owned by Trafalgar House and Associated Newspapers.

Another key Fleet executive, the managing director, Mr Ian Irvine, declined to comment on his future under United's chairman, Mr David Stevens.

L & G purchase sparks Connells bid speculation

By Judith Huntley

The Legal & General Group is paying £1.5 million for an 8 per cent stake in Connells Estate Agents which came to the market a year ago.

The move is seen in the City as a forerunner to a full scale bid. But Mr John Simson, the chairman of Connells, says "there is definitely no possibility of a bid from L & G."

The insurance company has long standing links with Connells through the estate agents' mortgage business and latterly through Collier & Madge, the City estate agent which Connells recently bought for £2.88 million. Collier & Madge has advised L & G on property matters.

L & G had no previous stake in Connells before its 8 per cent acquisition. The shares have largely come from the Constantine family, which with other interests had just over 30 per cent of Connells.

The shares are regarded by L & G as a long-term investment and the company may increase its stake. Both sides expect extra business from the connection, particularly on L & G's life side.

But Connells has not made an exclusivity deal with L & G and will be able to offer other companies' financial packages.

Connells expects to produce satisfactory results by the year-end.

BET enters the battle for SGB

By Clare Doble

BET, the transport, laundry and construction services group, stepped into the bidding yesterday for SGB, the scaffolding company, with an offer worth £108 million. BET announced its bid only hours before the closure of the building C H Beazer's tender offer for part of SGB's equity.

The offer from BET was dismissed by SGB, who is chaired by Mr Neville Clifford-Jones, as "judiciously inadequate". It said that it vindicated its rejection of Beazer's lower offer.

BET is offering three of its shares for every four in SGB. With BET at 338, down 8p on the day, this values SGB at 253p a share. Beazer's offer was 196p in cash.

In the past two days BET has bought 2.65 million shares and



Neville Clifford-Jones: dismissed £108m offer.

now holds 6.2 per cent of the equity. The price of SGB's shares jumped from 226p to 268p yesterday, indicating market hopes of a higher offer. BET estimates that its plant

hire business increased profits from £3.3 million to £4.2 million in the six months to September. The acquisition of SGB would boost this business still further, taking BET's share of the scaffolding market to just less than 20 per cent, it said.

BET is prepared to sell SGB's ladder manufacturing business because that would give BET a commanding market share. It said that the hire shops would add a profitable activity but that it would review the overseas activities.

BET described SGB's record as "dismal", with profits falling from £16.1 million in 1980 to £7.2 million in 1983, only partially recovering to £11 million last year.

Last night Beazer declined to comment on the bid until the results of its tender offer were known at 9.30 this morning.

Bankers meet S Africa for debt talks

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Negotiations between South Africa and its creditor banks opened yesterday in London under the cautious mediation of Dr Fritz Leutwiler, the former head of the Bank for International Settlements.

Yesterday's meeting was intended only to take soundings from the South Africans on how they intended to proceed and for Dr Leutwiler to gather the

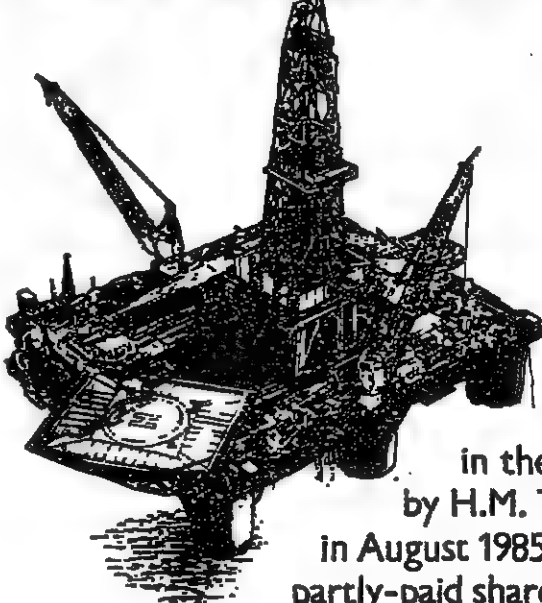
views of the banks. Among the 30 banks at the meeting were Barclays, Standard Chartered, Hill Samuel and National Westminster.

South Africa declared a four-month unilateral moratorium at the beginning of September on interest payments on \$12 billion of foreign debt. A South African delegation headed by Dr Chris Stals, the director-general of finance at

the country's Reserve Bank, explained yesterday that the recent cut in the discount rate from 15 to 14 per cent was intended to encourage economic expansion.

In a statement issued after the meeting, which had been arranged by Price Waterhouse, the accountants, it was stressed that the attending banks were not a negotiating committee.

Britoil plc Second Instalment



This is a notice to those holding partly-paid shares in Britoil plc. If you bought shares

in the offer of shares in Britoil by H.M. Treasury which took place in August 1985 or if you have bought partly-paid shares in Britoil since then, you are reminded that the second and final instalment of 85p per share is due shortly.

You should ensure that your cheque or bankers' draft arrives not later than 3.00pm (London time) on 1st November, 1985. If your payment is for £10,000 or more, it must arrive sufficiently early to be cleared by that time. All cheques or bankers' drafts should be made payable to "National Westminster Bank PLC" and should be crossed "Britoil Offer".

You should send your cheque or bankers' draft and the letter of acceptance for your shares to the address shown on page 3 of your letter of acceptance.

Please remember that if you fail to pay the final instalment you are liable to forfeit your shares and may receive no repayment of the first instalment.

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Indonesians pressed over oil output

From David Young Jakarta

Indonesia, which is playing a pivotal role in attempts to maintain Opec's price and production system, is coming under pressure from oil companies operating in the country to join other Opec states in demanding a larger share of world markets.

The companies are concerned that Indonesia's insistence on sticking to Opec policy could slow development. Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister and Opec president has led recent calls for Opec unity.

The Indonesian oil ministry is also being asked to support those in Opec who aim to end its official price system and replace it with a market-related price structure.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1051.3 (+10.3)
FT All Share	654.87 (+5.71)
FT Govt Securities	84.47 (unchgd)
FT-SE 100	1348.4 (+14.9)
Bargains	23.42
Dataseam USM	108.82 (+1.01)
New York	1363.91 (-0.45)
Tokyo	12,948.34 (-55.35)
Nikkei Dow	1,666.71 (+0.65)
Hong Kong	218.9 (+2.4)
Sydney: AO	1045.9 (+3.5)
Frankfurt	1704.0 (+29.5)
Commerzbank	55.26 (+39.88)
General	211.8 (+0.6)
Peris: CAC	

GOLD

London fixing: am	\$326.90 pm \$325.90
close	\$326.25 (\$326.75 £227.25)
227.75	
New York	
Comex (Latest)	\$326.15

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:	
Morris Fine Art	28p +4.5p
SGB Group	286p +40p
Uiley FJC	72p +8p
British Benzol	18p +1.5p
BSR Ind	70p +5p
Amber Day	10.75p +75p
Apricot Computer	72p +5p
Reabrook Holdings	74p +5p
Grattan	322p +12p
Sidlaw Grp	135p +5p
Fisher, Albert	137p +5p
Harrisons & Cros	383p +13p
FALLS:	
Audiophone Mid	3.5p -0.5p
Oliva Discount	58p -4p
Selecty	11p -1p
Automagic	58p -5p
Manganese Bronze	51p -4p
Memom Int	85p -5p
Metal Sciences	6.5p -0.5p
Quik H & J	49p -2p
Sparrow G.W.	74p -5p
Lyle Shipping	12.5p -0.5p
Bertram Hids	110p -4p
Stonehill Hids	110p -4p
Prestwick Hids	56p -2p

CURRENCIES

London:	
£: \$1.4345 (+0.0010)	
£: Sfr 3.7853 (+0.0171)	
£: SwFr 3.1088 (unchanged)	
£: Ffr 11.5340 (-0.0021)	
£: Yen 309.57 (+0.15)	
£ Index:	61.1 (+0.1)
New York:	
£: \$1.4345	
£: DM 2.6385	
£ Index:	130.9 (+0.1)
ECU	0.684486
SDR	10.742822

INTEREST RATES

London:	
Bank Base:	11 1/2 %
3 month Interbank	11 1/2 % - 11 3/4 %
3 month eligible bills	buying rate 11 1/2 % - 11 3/4 %
US:	
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Federal Funds	8 1/2 %
3-month Treasury Bills	7.23 - 7.21 %
30-year bond price	101 1/2 - 101 3/4

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Argentine dollar	3.1755-3.2255
Brazilian cruzeiro	585.0-595.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5481-2.5817
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2160-5.2580
Singapore dollar	3.0805-3.0858
South Africa rand	3.6756-3.7068
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2470-5.2870

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank (HOFEK)

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Investors' spending spree sends FT-SE to record

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Stock market indices were chased into new ground yesterday as institutional investors tried to spend part of their store of cash.

The FT-30 share index jumped 10.3 points to 1051.3, and the FT-100 share index rose 14.9 points to a record 1346.4. The FT-100 has risen 1346.4 points since the start of the year, and is now in its second week, that there is plenty more strength in the markets, and this seems to be the case.

Investors, big and small, receive large chunks of dividends paid to them in the months of October and November, and for the City fund managers that means added pressure to find homes for the cash. But there is a general shortage of stock in the market, leaving share and government stock prices with one way to go.

Sterling stayed firm in foreign exchange dealings, adding to hopes of interest rate cuts and helping prices of gilts. The latter showed gains of around 2% across the list.

The time looks ripe for the Government to mop up some of the spare money in the City, but it may be few weeks before any

share is on "buy" lists at several of the big City houses, however, there was little sign of a specific note.

The enthusiasm for British shares has been fanned by expectations of an American deposit receipt listing for the stock. It is known to have started work on making its shares available in New York, but the City is still waiting for news of when trading will begin. The

Dickwell Holdings, the old plantation company, has merged with Odele, which runs four London health food restaurants and two traditional English restaurants. A placing by Fiske & Co, the broker, has raised £200,000. Odele made £19,000 profit last year but could make £110,000 this year and has hopes of £250,000 next. A USM flotation is planned within the next year or so. The shares are now traded under the S35 facility. Last price was 15p.

Shares gained 5p to 213p, with the purely-paid up 7p at 130p.

Banks was another blue chip sought after by investors, as shares rose in demand. Marks and Spencer joined in with a 5p rise to 172p.

Buying for stores was based on a feeling that the sector looks fundamentally sound and relatively cheap. Investors also took an optimistic view about prospects for Christmas trading.

Mail order companies continued to attract buyers, with Empire Stores up 8p at 162p. Fine Arts Developments 3p better at 118p. Freemans 10p higher at 338p and Gratian up 12p at 322p.

W H Smith 'A' shares rose 14p to 268p on the back of a recommendation from charitists. The shares have also caught City eyes in recent months as takeover speculation has swirled around the newspaper retailing to do-it-yourself group.

Home Charm rose 11p to 320p. J Hepworth went 4p higher to 219p, and there were gains too for British Home Stores, Dixons Group and Habitat Homercare.

The property sector caught hold of an intriguing story - Stock Conversion bidding for its own shares. Stock Conversion shares were unchanged at 570p and Stockley held at 73p.

Stockley, backed by Mr Jacob Rothschild, has 26.5 per cent of Stock Conversion. It has for long been assumed that Stock Conversion would make a bid for Stock Conversion.

The two sides have indulged in some tough exchange in

will be given the go-ahead. It will probably offer around 500p a share in a mixture of cash and shares. The earlier Scottish offer, 14 shares for £400 cash, for every five Matthews Brown, would now be worth about 570p because of the strong performance of Scottish shares (unchanged at 176p yesterday) since its bid was referred.

Bass climbed 10p to a 629p, a new peak, while Allied-Lyons eased 2p to 271p.

Telecommunications gained 5p to 810p as the company confirmed the suggestion, that it planned to sell its Fleet Street Letter publishing interests to the Barham Group.

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds was unmoved by the end of the day - one of the few leading shares to miss out on the mark-up.

Directors of the engineering group had lunch at Phillips & Drew, the broker, but it was a routine meeting and little news or excitement emerged.

British Aerospace traded quietly, down 2p at 441p as recent enthusiasm about the group's order book died down. JMI, the metals producer, however, found some favour, up 3p at 113p, as the City

Shares of RMC, the ready mixed concrete group, climbed 4p to 458p, 1985 high, yesterday, although high profits are expected to be lower than last year's. Mr Jeremy Sykes at Kitchell & Aitken, the broker, expects £77 million against £81.3 million. But he is going for £89 million next year and believes the shares are worth buying.

benefit the company will benefit from the space of aircraft orders.

SCB, already the subject of a tender offer for 25 per cent from C. H. Beazer, jumped 40p to 268p as British Electric Traction moved in with £108 million offer for full control. BET is also involved in a contested £6.3 million bid for G. W. Sparrow, the crane hire group. Sparrow slipped 4p to 74p. BET fell 8p to 338p.

Hollis, the timber group, gained 3p to 74p. Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press has lifted its shareholding nearer to 75 per cent by buying a further 630,000 shares.

Electricals were brighter. STC, after the L. Messel & Co. comment, rose 2p to 76p.

APPOINTMENTS

G Jackson names managing director

G. Jackson & Sons: Mr A. D. P. Evans has become the new managing director on the resignation of Mr Bryan Bowley.

NCR: Mr John Cooper has been appointed director, education division.

Chemical Bank International: Mr Paul R. Walsh is joining the bank as director responsible for Eurocurrency syndicate sales and trading.

Rutland Group Holdings: Mrs Elizabeth Laton has been appointed to the board of Rutland Group Holdings company.

Deloitte Haskings & Sells: Mr John Jeffrey, formerly of the Leeds office, has become partner in charge of the Manchester office.

Milton Keynes Development Corporation: Mr J. D. Olheim has joined the board.

Gibbs Hartley Cooper: Mr Leon Stoffberg had become finance director.

Laskeys: Mr Colin Livermore has been made director, purchasing.

Information Resources: Mrs Louise Connors has been made director, information, from November 1.

National Westminster Bank: Mr Michael A. Lydon has been appointed assistant general manager in the related banking services division.

Longman Cartmel: Mr Alexander Shaw has been made director of sales with Mr Colin Thomson as systems manager.

A. T. Kearney: Mr David Harland has been named head of the company's new manufacturing systems and materials management group based in London.

Alida Holdings: Mr Ian Ball, Mr John Stann, Mr Alan Gibson and Mr Gareth Evans have been appointed directors of Alida Packaging Group, the films division of Alida Holdings.

Bank of America: Mr Richard M. Parkinson has become head of the newly-formed financial institutions section in London.

First Security Group: Mr Ian Beyer has been appointed group finance director. He succeeds Mr Nigel Wood, who remains on the board as non-executive director.

Boddingtons Breweries: Mr Robert Reid, the managing director, takes over from Mr Ewart Boddington as chairman of the executive committee as part of a new management structure.

Bull Thompson and Associates: Mr Clive Dorell has been appointed director responsible for the executive search operation.

Wimpey Insurance Services: Mr Antony R. Elliot has joined the board.

TEMPUS

Market fears worst for London and Northern

The courts have yet to decide whether London and Northern hospital management contract in Abu Dhabi.

Since the company said in August that it may have to make provisions of this amount, its market value has slumped by £15.4 million to £75 million. The shares stand at 66p.

It now seems that the claim relates to a Middle East project in which London and Northern has a minority interest. On the basis that London and Northern would be liable for only its share of the claim, it provides £8,000,000 against profits last year and admitted that it stood to lose a further £1.3 million has been placed in escrow, with another £10.5 million due to go out if the company loses on appeal.

If London and Northern does have to provide for the full amount in this year's account, its profits will probably be wiped out, although it has promised to maintain last year's final dividend. The effect on the balance sheet would also be serious: borrowings are already more than half shareholders' funds.

If the market's pessimism proves justified, London and Northern could presumably raise money by floating off one or more of its subsidiaries, as it has done successfully with Tace, a manufacturer of control equipment. But it denies that it intends to do so.

Shareholders can take little comfort from the interim results announced yesterday. Reported profits were up from £7.5 million to £7.9 million before tax but the benefit from a £2 million profit on the sale of three hospitals. Underlying conditions, especially for overseas contracting deteriorated and operation is being cut, having made a loss in the first half.

At home the building materials and energy-related interests are doing well and the second half will benefit from a full six-month contribution from Rockville, a quarry operator near Washington, D.C. The company, acquired in May for \$26 million (£18.6 million), made profits of \$5.1 million last year.

The health care business continues to account for about half the group's profit but there

is uncertainty over next year's workload following the loss of a hospital management contract in Abu Dhabi.

Other than as a punt on the appeal judgment, to be heard in the next few months, the shares are likely to suffer from neglect.

French Connection

Etam

Fashion is a fickle business and what does well on one side of the Atlantic does not necessarily do the same on the other. Interim results out yesterday from French Connection showed a 41 per cent profit growth in Britain and France, but a 62 per cent decline in the US. The result was a 25 per cent fall in pretax profits to £2.9 million.

British Etam, which sells fashion to women aged 20 to 25 in C1 and C2 socio-economic groups, produced a 41 per cent interim profit rise to £4.4 million. It has no plans to expand overseas.

French Connection was hurt by the general weakness in consumer demand in the US. The market has been poor for a year and shows no sign of improving. Some consolation is available in the bottom line which, due to a lower tax and minorities change from the American business, showed increased earnings per share.

Although all-year profits are expected to decline to £6.75 million from £7.5 million, EPS should show a small gain. A prospective price/earnings ratio of under 12 is very undemanding.

The potential for recovery in the US is there, it is just a question of when, and the Bukta sportsware business and retail division both offer scope for growth.

Etam has managed to weather a wet summer and warm autumn without mishap, although it says September trading was poor. Brisk October sales are making up for last month. Selling space increased by some 10 per cent in the first half and sales were up in value by 25 per cent.

Forecasts for the 53-week year have been increased to £11 million against £8.6 million last time. A prospective p/e ratio of just over 18 is

entirely justified by a group with such a strong growth record.

The shares rose 10p to 224p against an offer-for-sale price in June last year of 95p.

Discount houses

The Chancellor did the discount houses no favours at the Mansion House last week. Burying orthodox monetarism was all very well to impress an after-dinner audience, but it did nothing for the discount houses which, by and large, had been betting all summer on a fall in interest rates which did not materialize in quite the way they wished.

Before Mr Lawson rose to his feet, Smith & Aubyn had provided a taste of things to come with a £628,000 loss and a reduced dividend. Yesterday Clive Discount said it had at least managed to break even in the first half, but had to scythe the interim dividend and was unable to recommend payment of the special interim dividend hinted at in May. That speaks a financially damp summer and continuing fears of an inclement winter.

Gerrard and National was able to put a brave face on matters. Cautin in the face of repeated disappointment allowed a slight improvement in its first six months' profit, but the board admitted that profitable trading opportunities had been less frequent than usual.

The dullness of those opportunities has been matched by the dullness of the sector's share prices. Since they last reported in May, Gerrard's shares have fallen from 372p to 317p and Clive's from 50p to 38p, down 4p yesterday alone. That will be no consolation to Prudential-Bache, which has options on a 33 per cent stake in Clive at 57p.

Such a reaction reflects the houses' passivity in the face of a government whose economic policies they neither appreciate nor, in some cases, even profess to understand.

Logic and wishful thinking, judiciously mixed, point to further cuts in interest rates before the next report. But it is not enough to send investors rushing to call their brokers, nor is it particularly inspiring prelude to next year's main event - the advent of gifts primary dealerships.

Traded option highlights

Business on the London traded options market was boosted by yesterday's expiry date for October contracts, the last trade for the day reaching 15,219 contracts. But Leamora provided a surprise among those without an October option as 2,221 contracts were traded. BP

High hopes of top sale price

Tender offers will be opened tomorrow for a prime high-technology site in Sunbury, Surrey.

Richard Ellis and Bonsor Penningtons are selling the nine-acre site at Windmill Road on behalf of a consortium made up of Surrey County Council, Gablest and Harris Trustees. Figures of £1 million an acre are being bandied about, based on the hope that the record sums paid elsewhere for such development opportunities will set the pace.

Golden Oak Developments, with Guinness Peat Properties, has obtained planning permission for more than 145,000 sq ft of mixed use space in Maidenhead, Berkshire, with no local user restrictions. The 26.5-acre site is occupied by the De La Rue Company.

It has agreed to a sale and leaseback of the whole site and will occupy 27,700 sq ft of new space on it, paying close to £8.25 a sq ft for it. This phase has been funded by United Friendly Insurance, advised by Elliott and Quill.

Healey & Baker, which advised Golden Oak Developments, will be the joint letting agent with Rafferty Buckland, which acted for De La Rue.

Arlington Securities and H. A. Stradling & Sons, a local developer, have confirmed the first letting on the 550,000 sq ft phase one of their Park in Newbury Business Park in Berkshire. The Dowry Information Group, part of the Dowry Group, is paying £6.50 a sq ft for a 23,000 sq ft building. A

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Demand forces City rent spiral

By Judith Huntley

The extremely bullish state of the City office market is beginning to make itself felt in the level of rents being achieved for prime space.

The highest rent fixed in the City recently was £35 a sq ft for a small banking space but that figure now looks like becoming more the norm than the exception. For example, it is believed that Great Portland Estates has found a tenant for the whole of its 37,000 sq ft building, 80 Bishopsgate, at a rent of £34 a sq ft. KOP, a foreign bank, is widely thought to be the tenant but the lease has yet to be signed.

Close by at 90 Bishopsgate, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's building is the subject of a rent review. As Savills reveals in its survey of the market, the take-up of space from June 1984 to May 1985 was just under 3 million sq ft, the same as in the previous year. But an unprecedented factor was that this volume of space was accounted for by very few lettings.

The number of lettings fell by 18.3 per cent on the previous year's figure, the lowest number recorded by the estate agent. It is attributed to an unsatisfied demand for large buildings in the City, which is causing development to spread to the fringes of the Square Mile and has even tempted foreign banks to venture into Docklands.

Savills says that there has been a marked rise in the average size of units taken up in the City, confirming the growing demand for such space from the financial conglomerates. There is evidence that international financial companies are transferring their operations to London.

Foreign banks have kept their

position as market leaders in taking City space. They were responsible for taking 30 per cent of the total space let, more than twice that taken by British banks, insurance and other financial services groups.

The insurance sector has fallen from second to fourth place in its space requirements this year. The professional sector, led by the accountants, has taken nearly a quarter of the total units let this year.

Savills, which is concentrating on the prospective occupiers of space, rather than the developers or funds, says there is a suppressed demand for 6 million sq ft of space in the City. Prospective tenants look at every scheme on the market but the lack of suitable buildings prompted Credit Suisse, First Boston and Morgan Stanley to try to develop their own buildings in Canary Wharf where Savills is advising the consortium.

The difficulty of developing modern, lettable floorspace behind the facades of listed buildings is also highlighted. Large parts of the City were designated conservation areas in the draft City of London plan, now the throes of being amended. But people already working within such constraints can find re-letting difficult.

"Although it is possible to develop new offices behind facades, much of the existing stock cannot be so successfully treated, and much is already redundant. As we predicted last year, new developments and existing offices able to provide functional open-plan floorspace have proved to let well and achieve high rents," according to Savills.

"New tenants have been difficult to find for buildings unable to provide this facility unless at a reduced rent and



Reamont & Son, the firm of City solicitors, has taken 11,000 sq ft of space at Lloyds Chambers, Portoken Street, the recently completed headquarters of Hogg Robinson. The firm is paying close to the £17.50 a sq ft asking rent for the new lease. Knight Frank & Rutley, which acted for the tenant, believes there is a trend for professional firms to take higher quality space. Debenhams, Tescos & Chinnocks acted for Hogg Robinson.

COMPANY NEWS

- **WALTER RUNCIMAN:** For the half year to June 30, pretax profit for six months to June 30, 1985, was £27,007 (£24,997), while the pretax profit was £50 (loss 376). Earnings per share were 4.4p (2.1p). An interim dividend of 2.5p (same) is being paid on October 23.
- **STEWART NAIKEN GROUP:** The company has completed the acquisition of Arbrister Investments and the disposal of the group's interest in the Manhattan condominium project. The group's preliminary results for the year to June 30, with figures in £000, are: turnover 2,873 (11,279), Gross profit 400 (340) loss, Pretax profit 933 (loss 788), Earnings per share 0.53p (loss 0.66p).
- **PLANTATION TRUST COMPANY:** Unaudited net assets value per ordinary share on September 30, assuming dilution by full conversion of the convertible stock and exercise of all the warrants, was £8.17p.
- **SUTER:** Options to subscribe for 2 million new shares in Suter have been assigned by the Copeland Suter's Prescribed semi-annual unit division. Options are exercisable up to December 23.
- **METALS EXPLORATION:** Improved market prices for metals and favourable currency conditions helped the company's recovery in 1984-85, when it achieved a net profit, after extraordinary items, of Aus \$1,021 (£483,886). "A major factor affecting the company was the significant devaluation of the Australian dollar," says the chairman, Mr Alan Bond, in his annual report.
- **REA HOLDINGS:** For the half year to June 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 15,959 (£17,480), while the current pretax profit was 141 (753). Earnings per share were 4p (earnings 5.5p). An interim dividend of 1p (same) is being paid.
- **BRITISH AND AMERICAN FILM HOLDINGS:** Group pretax profit for six months to June 30, 1985, was £241 (£260). With figures in £000, 241 (£260), comprising holding company 225 (173) and subsidiary companies 16 (87). Tax 73 (£77). Earnings per share, based on 1,431,151 shares, were 4.31p (4.30p). An interim dividend of 1.7p (1.5125p) will be paid on December 6.
- **FIDUCIARY METALS TRUST:** A dividend of 0.55p (same) is being paid for the year to July 31. With figures in £000, pretax revenue was 324 (500), loss administrative expenses 222 (239), Earnings per share were 0.57p (1.56p).
- **ENGLISH NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY:** Six months to September, interim 3.3p (3.10p adjusted) per preferred ordinary share and 0.85p (0.65p adjusted) per deferred ordinary share. (Loss) Investments: £148,923 (£134,228); rents £29,331 (£27,832); interest on deposits £9,983 (£4,413) and other income £1,499 (£4,236). Pretax profit £150,521 (£133,578).
- **PREMIER CONSOLIDATED:** The company has accepted an offer by Papua New Guinea for the grant of an offshore licence covering block R in the Gulf of Papua, near the recent oil discovery at Mamuda in which Oil Search and BP have participated. The new concession area covers a total of 2,080 square miles.
- **INGERSOLL-RAND CO:** Three months to September 30, 1985, figures in £000, net sales 612,220 (£58,800). Earnings before income taxes 27,100 (£19,100). Net earnings per common share: primary and fully diluted £7.10 (£5.21).
- **INTERCONTINENTAL ENERGY CORPORATION:** The company's Italian subsidiary CPA, has been awarded its seventh onshore exploration permit, Massara Cardillo, which has an area of about 22 square miles in Southern Italy.
- **ATLANTIC RESOURCES:** Results for six months to June 30, 1985, figures in £000, Operations
- **EXPANET INTER-NATIONAL:** The company has conditionally agreed with the partners of Link security products for the purchase of the fixed assets, stock, debtors and goodwill. The completion is due on November 13 and will be conditional upon the profits of the business of Link being not less than £100,000, before charging the remuneration of the partners. For the 11 months to September 30, 1985.
- **LRC INTERNATIONAL:** The board will be recommending to shareholders that the name of the company be changed to London International Group.
- **CARBURY RESOURCES:** Half year to June 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 45,880 (£56,990) and net loss 44,500 (loss 28,150). Loss per share 2.93p (1.92p).

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Forty years on

Losing the war against poverty and injustice

On this day 40 years ago the United Nations formally came into being. In sonorous and lofty tones, the charter, signed at San Francisco four months earlier, gave voice to the aspirations of peoples devastated by war, ruined by tyranny and dedicated to lifting the yoke of foreign domination.

It sought to give shape to that vision of an Elysian world in which American President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four essential freedoms - freedom of expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear - would become reality.

It expressed determination to eliminate "the scourge of war", affirmed faith in human dignity and equal rights, pledged itself to establish justice and promote social progress, undertook to maintain international peace and security, and determined to ensure that armed force "shall not be used, save in the common interest".

Today, to many, indeed to most people, all this will sound heady idealism at best, empty, unrealistic, unfulfilled and, at worst, dangerously naive. To them, the UN is either a failure or a farce.

But that is far from the view of the United Nations Association, the principal non-governmental organization in the United Kingdom which actively promotes its principles.

Malcolm Harper, director of the association in Britain, says: "We are still losing the war against poverty and injustice." Although war was an affront to the creator, global spending on war and war preparations was at grotesque levels, with reliance on war or the threat of war remaining the major means of resolving international differences.

He is conscious that across the street from his office, in the

Department of Defence, the Defence Sales Organization makes money for Britain by selling the weapons of war - often to countries which are among the world's worst offenders against human rights.

Simultaneously, some 800 million people live in abject poverty, most of the world's population lacks regular access to safe water, half the world's adults are illiterate, and the North-South divide is worsening.

On these and many related issues the UNA acts as a lobbying, campaigning and educative pressure group which enjoys all-party support. Mrs Thatcher as well as Neil Kinnock, David Steel and David Owen are honorary presidents.

The association has 13,000 members in more than 300 branches throughout the country and some 150 affiliated organizations - trade unions, religious bodies and political groups - and is associated with a host of other committees and campaigns concerned with everything from the release of Nelson Mandela to promoting awareness among mothers and health workers that "breast is best".

The association does not necessarily subscribe to each and every tenet of this evangelizing multitude. But it does subscribe to Churchill's view that jaw-jaw is better than war-jaw.

The association is 'clearly open to two main charges - that it is little better than a talking shop and that, by giving credence and respectability not only to bodies such as Amnesty and the General Synod but to CND or Women for World Disarmament, it is, even though only "cordially related" to them and not formally linked, an unwitting tool of the Left or



Turning aspirations into realities: Above, Bernard Taylor, co-ordinator of International Services; centre, the Prince and Princess of Wales with Bob Geldof at the Live Aid concert; far right, Malcolm Harper, the association's director; and right, volunteer Rosemary Pollock in the Inash al Usra kindergarten, the West Bank

even of campaigns which are Soviet-inspired.

"We are a talking shop", Mr Harper responds. "We are a liberal, with a small 'l', talking shop, because we are trying to build up international understanding instead of pushing ideas like Russia being 'an empire of evil', and if this seems leftist then that is probably to do with the way Left is defined."

The association is currently for an all-round nuclear weapons freeze. British acceptance of the Law of the Sea treaty and greater UN involvement in bringing peace to the Lebanon, the Middle East generally and the South Atlantic.

These and similar issues lead into contentious areas where prospects of agreement or wholehearted implementation are remote.

Yet, the association takes

pride in the achievements of the world body and its offshoots. There are the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, measures to assist and rehabilitate refugees, the eradication of smallpox, a string of peace-keeping initiatives - often under-published - the current Decade for Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation.

After the return to power of the Conservative Government in 1983, the association sponsored the issue of an "Agenda for the UK", which set out its international priorities for Parliament. The five main topics on which it focussed were, and are, disarmament, world development, the security role of the UN, confidence building and human rights.

The association argues that disarmament and development are inextricably linked. It is not only that resources go on arms instead of improving the lot of



Band Aid strikes a chord of hope

Few events of recent years have galvanized young people for a worthy cause more than the Band Aid project. Although the association was not involved, the issue of starvation in Africa and the desire to help the starving led to a surge of interest among young people in the work of the association and its youth wing.

Its main campaign at present, entitled Change for Development, seeks "to bring about big changes with small change" by local groups.

"Now that we have saved lives with aid," says Andrew McIntyre, 20, the association's youth council's publication officer, "the task is to invest in the third world and give development aid which will help the people of developing countries to help themselves."

Governments cannot be relied upon

The Band Aid campaign has shown, Mr McIntyre argues, that governments cannot be relied upon, and on their track record do not seem to be able to deal other than in a makeshift way with such deep-seated problems as poverty and mass starvation. "It is up to ordinary people to do it," he says.

But it is just not good enough to raise big sums every so often to appease guilt for a time, he adds. "Our long-term aim is to commit a whole new generation to the UN system, because the charter is still there and it is a

beacon which shows how things should be.

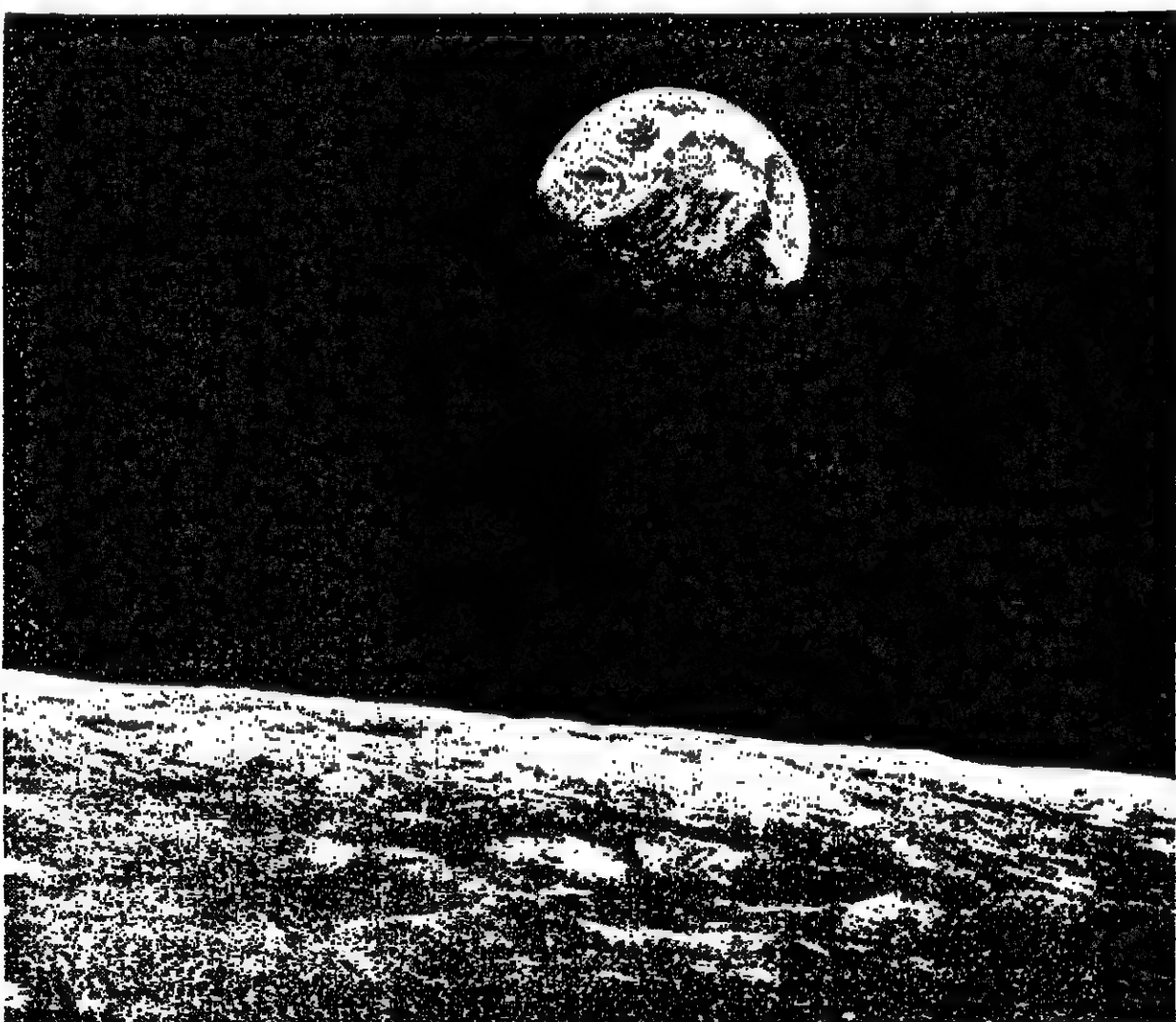
"The reason why the ideals of the charter have not been carried out is not because they are impossible but because governments lack the political will."

"It is possible for young people to change that and make their governments commit themselves to the UN and to making it work." There is, says Mr McIntyre, a loss of idealism compared with the hopes of 40 years ago, and the young today have a cynical attitude towards world politics.

"That cynicism is a reflection of governmental cynicism, which is why it is so essential to make the UN concept a credible alternative."

"The last year has shown that there is support among the young for this." More than 20 new branches have begun in schools, universities and communities, and the comprehensive approach of the association, which sees a linkage between major world problems and looks at them in global terms, is more appealing than sectional campaigns, Mr McIntyre suggests.

The Change for Development campaign is not only out to raise money to fund projects in developing countries but also to extend the educational work of the association by forming groups which hear lectures, see videos and films on world issues and organize discussions. More than 300 schools have undertaken to participate.



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SPECIAL REPORT

It cannot stop conflicts
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Lord Ennals, the former Labour Cabinet minister was - as David Ennals - secretary of the association for five years in the 1950s and later chairman of its executive committee. Since leaving the Commons, he has become chairman of the association's council and he explains its importance.

Q: Why is the UNA so important to you?
A: Before the Second World War I was very active as a volunteer in the League of Nations Youth Group, but was very conscious of the failings of the League. When I was a prisoner of war in Europe I made a pledge that if I came through I would seek to do everything I could to strengthen whatever new world organization supplanted the League. I started as a regional officer of the UNA in Manchester.

Q: Do you not feel that your hopes have been disappointed?
A: The charter was written at a time when there was tremendous optimism and before the cold war developed. But then it became clear that many of the procedures set out in the UN charter could not apply to a divided world. Also, it was

drafted in a world where there were only 52 independent countries. But although much of the charter is inappropriate, the UN can still be used as a very flexible instrument. Almost every international issue goes there. Whatever they get resolved is a different matter but many of them are debated and discussed, and as a former Foreign Office minister I know how often issues have been resolved through discussions at the UN when that could have been done in any other way.

Its universality is so valuable, which is one reason why I am so hotly opposed to Britain pulling out of Unesco. The UN in international disputes is like a peace officer in industrial disputes at home. It cannot by itself resolve conflicts and differences but it provides a structure whereby such problems can be tackled and solved if governments show flexibility and imagination.

Q: Is the UNA not espousing too many causes, trying to do too many things?
A: It is much easier to be a single-issue organization like Oxfam or Amnesty. But the association exists to support the UN, though not uncritically.

We cannot possibly say we are not interested in some aspects of its work or the work of its agencies.

Q: But to be effective, do you not need to focus your efforts?
A: We are, certainly, concentrating at this moment on trying to get people to realize that the UN has lasted twice as long as the League. Our two central campaigning issues just now are to keep Britain in Unesco and to get Britain to support the Law of the Sea Treaty. But that does not mean we are not still heavily involved in issues like famine relief, disarmament and apartheid.

Q: Have you a problem in opposing the Government on your two central campaigning issues while working as an all-party association?
A: Britain is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council and should therefore take a leading role at the UN. Whenever it does not, we should and do say so, and being an all-party organization gives us added strength. It would be a tragedy if that ceased. Conservatives play a very active part even though we oppose some of their policies.

How the
class of
'85 sees
the future

At Central Hall, Westminster, on Thursday, January 10, 1946 and Friday January 11, the 52 member states of the United Nations General Assembly met for the first time.

Forty years on, on those same dates in the same hall, a model general assembly will be held, under the auspices of the association's youth wing, and whose delegates will be sixth-form students representing each of the 159 member states who comprise today's assembly.

Great enthusiasm
from the young

Alice Dupont, 26, is one of the team at association headquarters who are organizing this exceptional event. The readiness of schools to take part has been striking, she notes, and is indicative of great enthusiasm among young people for the ideals embodied in the UN charter.

The main opening resolution of the mock assembly will be the food crisis in Africa and will involve every participating three-strong delegation. The nub of the resolution urges the international community to increase its relief efforts



Past and present: Top, Clem Attlee welcoming delegates to the first United Nations General Assembly in January 1946; and Andrew McIntyre and Alice Dupont of the youth section

considerably both in the short and long term. Each delegation will be expected to put the view of the country it has been assigned to represent and sixth forms throughout the country are busy doing the necessary research

and seeking the assistance, with background information, of embassies and such other information sources as the Africa Centre in London, the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British understanding and the United Nations Information Centre itself.

Other resolutions will be discussed in five working groups. These will concern a freeze on nuclear arms, sanctions against South Africa, the Falklands question, the use of "economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries", and the UN Decade for Women.

If time permits, the student delegates will also discuss the Thorson Report on the link between disarmament and development, Namibian independence, the situation in Kampuchea, the global economy and the UN Convention against torture.

Countries allotted
to schools

Countries were allotted to most participating schools at random. Glossop School, for example, finds itself with the tricky task of putting the Albanian viewpoint on these issues.

Spencer Park School in Wandsworth will represent Argentina; Saffron Walden County High School will speak for Israel; the Royal Belfast Academical Institution's role will be the voice of the notorious Stroessner regime in Paraguay.

But Alice Dupont believes the delegation which will have the most difficult time will be that from King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham, which will represent South Africa. "They can expect a lot of flak", she says.

The five permanent members of the Security Council have been deliberately chosen to provide a wide regional spread around the British Isles and with a view to the extra backing they may need from UNA Regional offices.

Computer
aid for
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rights

One of the most important practical aspects of the association's work is its International Service, which gives concrete expression to its idealistic concerns by sending skilled people to work in third world countries.

Its co-ordinator, Bernard Taylor, makes the point that though the UNAIS began in much the same spirit as the Voluntary Service Overseas organization and similar movements, it was not manned by amateurs or young graduates who, however dedicated, were inexperienced.

The fieldworkers were trained professionals and many were in their 30s - recruited by advertising in *The Times* and elsewhere - and their work dovetailed with that of government technical assistance.

The service has five overseas representatives and 34 workers in the field. Most are engaged in small community projects entirely in non-Anglophone countries, the aim being to strengthen links with countries where Britain does not have a big presence.

The countries where UNAIS volunteers are now working are the Cape Verde Islands, Mali, Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta), Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and the occupied West Bank area in the Middle East.

In the Cape Verde Islands, one volunteer is advising the National Co-operatives Movement. Mali has a UNAIS engineer working on stove technology in a village, two environmental health technicians and a researcher looking into rural energy use.

In addition to nurses, midwives and other health workers, the three South American countries have nutritionists and livestock technicians from UNAIS. In La Paz, a funded computer programmer has been assigned to an organization which promotes the rights of peasants.

In Ramallah, on the West Bank, there is a British legal worker doing research and law reporting, a development economist and a nursery teacher, while in Birzeit a UNAIS-funded water engineer is working on a community health project and a medical laboratory technician is taking part in a rural health programme.

"Drops in the ocean", in the famous Oxfam phrase. But in human terms it is surely invaluable. And in terms of creating international goodwill, on which the future so much depends, its worth, likewise, is incalculable.

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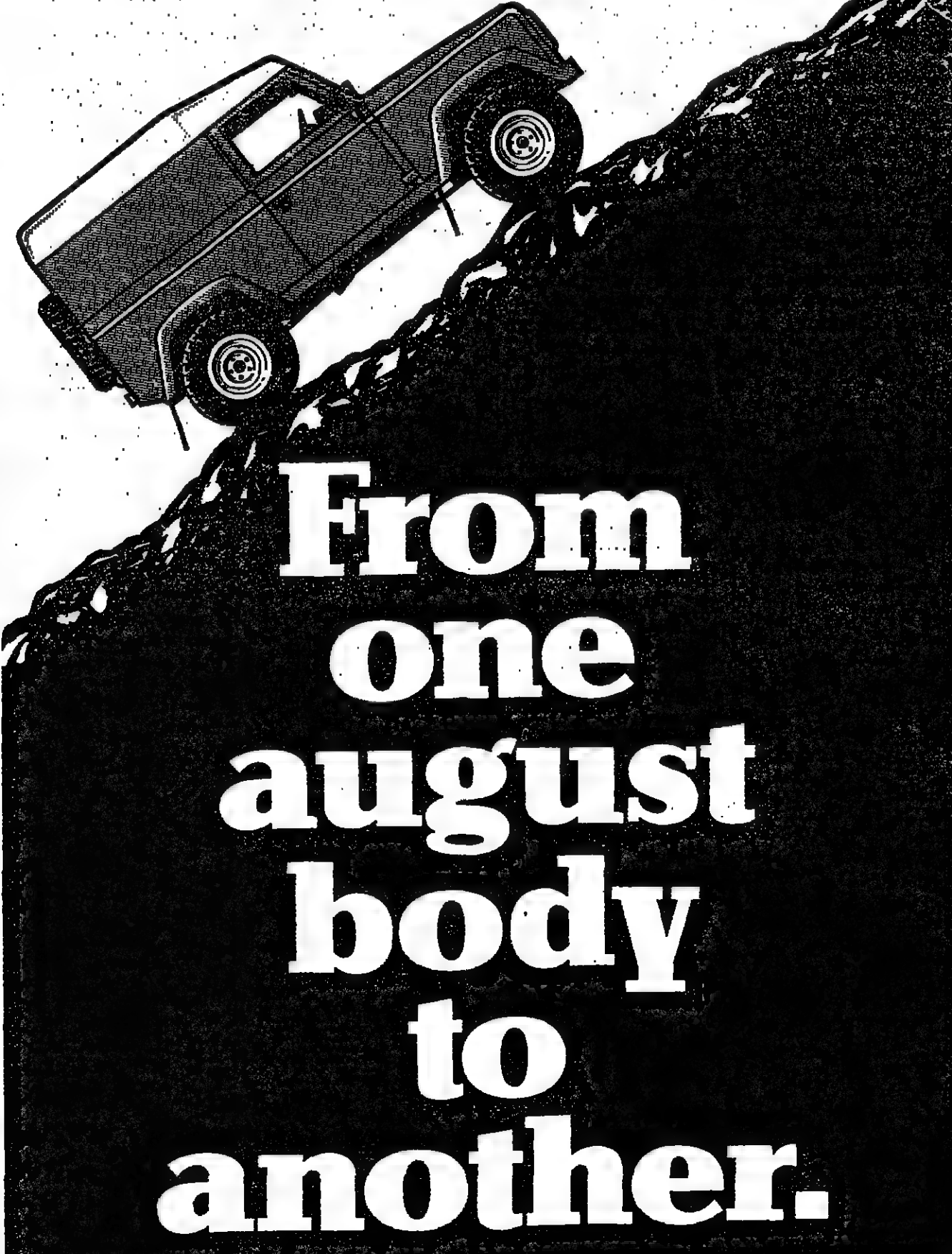
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Bangor the bold have their hopes dented

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Bangor City.....0
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Bangor City will not live happily ever after. They put up a gallant and courageous fight against Atletico Madrid at Farrar Road last night, but the fairy tale will not have an appropriate ending.

The hopes of Wales hung on the most slender of threads anyway. No collection of part-timers that has gone down recently to the likes of Workington could reasonably expect to succeed against professional opponents who had dismissed Celtic in the first round and beaten Barcelona in the past few weeks.

It was clearly crucial that in the early stages Bangor, who had rebuilt their stadium for the future, protected their own designs on the pitch as well. They did so for half a dozen minutes. They were even awarded the first corner and created the first genuine threat, headed from Palios, their captain, which skidded past a post.

But the Spaniards, bemused when they entered the tiny arena that sits in the hills on the edge of Menai Straits, took the lead during their opening break. Marina was responsible. He left Banks sitting uncomfortably on the floor and Davies sprawling inelegantly in his goalmouth. Da Silva, the Uruguayan international finally settled in the ball.

Bangor, as eager and as enthusiastic as schoolchildren, continued the chase and scuffle around as though the set-back had never occurred. As a result, Atletico often looked uncomfortable in the midfield skirmishes and even at the back when Cartwright opened up their left flank for Powell to drive narrowly wide.

Midway through the first half Seien punched a huge hole in Bangor's defence. From some 40 yards out, he set off on a gentle twisting run, confusing each opponent that came to challenge him. On the edge of the area he looked up, took aim and side-footed deliberately past Davies.

Seien's strike, so clean and nonchalant, was reminiscent of his goal in the second leg against Celtic three weeks ago and represented a touch of class that existed only in the dreams of Bangor. Atletico were so satisfied by the evidence of their superiority that they brought on both of their available substitutes, including their reserve goalkeeper, for the second half.

Bangor almost started it in dramatic fashion. Everton Williams prodding over from close range and turning round to see that his attempt had been disallowed for offside anyway. Yet, as the sea mist began to cover the ground in a thin white shroud, even the Spaniards might have conceded that the representatives from the Multipart League deserved some reward for their efforts.



Bailey: Everton are ready to send him to Newcastle

FIFA order early start at Wembley

The World Cup qualifying game between England and Northern Ireland at Wembley on November 13 must kick off at 7pm. FIFA announced yesterday. Instead of 7.45, Turkey's tie against Romania, who can still qualify for the Mexico finals in front of the Irish, will start at 8.30pm local time on the same night, half an hour before the Wembley match begins.

FIFA had wanted simultaneous starts "in order to maintain the sporting principle for the last matches of the preliminary competition."

FIFA stressed "this decision is final," in a letter to the associations involved.

Turkey's tie was originally scheduled for Thursday, November 14, with an afternoon kick-off. Northern Ireland will reach the finals if they draw against England, but defeat would open the way for Romania, if they beat Turkey.

The Football Association secretary, Ted Croker, has landed in hot water over recent remarks on a super league. The Football League president, Jack Dunnett, has written to the FA chairman, Bert Millichip, complaining about Croker's comments and the matter is to be discussed at the next meeting of the joint liaison committee.

Croker spoke out earlier this month when it became clear that several top clubs were contemplating a breakaway at the end of the season. "The League in its present form is so antiquated that it does not help the bigger clubs, or the smaller ones," Croker said at the time. He confirmed that the FA would be willing to take on the administration of the top clubs if asked to do so.

The threat from the proposed super league is real, and the smaller clubs are running out of time if they are to block the move at the chairman's meeting on November 23. That is the view of some senior Football League figures, who fear certain lower division clubs are underestimating the resolve of their bigger brothers.

They feel the big five, Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, and others interested in the super league have done their homework, and the remaining 80 or so other clubs have a lot to do before November 12.

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Bennett not tempted by Portsmouth

Todd Bennett is not interested in playing for Portsmouth. "I still have a lot to achieve in athletics," the Olympic 400-metre winner said yesterday. "Including success in next year's Commonwealth Games and European Championships."

Bennett suggested that reports that he would be having a trial with Portsmouth had been exaggerated. "Alan Ball and I had a friendly discussion about training," he said. "I must emphasise that I do not wish to play professional football."

Ball, the Portsmouth manager, had reportedly been impressed with Bennett's footballing skills in a recent friendly. The Olympic relay silver medal winner said he would be "delighted to go along some of the training where I would hope that I could give some of the younger players assistance in developing speed and sharpness."

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Irish to see Chelsea match live

Thames Television plan to go ahead with their live screening of Saturday's Chelsea-Manchester United game to the Republic of Ireland despite an objection from Northern Ireland.

An RTV spokesman, Peter Coppock, said yesterday: "The match will be screened live to several European countries. We send pictures to the European Broadcasting Union in Geneva and the firm it out to the various TV companies, including RTE in Dublin, whose pictures can be picked up in Northern Ireland."

"I honestly don't know how anybody is going to stop the broadcast to Ireland, but nobody has approached us."

The Irish Football Association asked the Football Association for help because of fears that the live screening would disrupt attendances at Saturday's league games in Northern Ireland. The request was supported by the Dublin-based Football Association of Ireland (FAI). The FAI secretary, Peadar O'Driscoll, is adamant the FAI's rule 37 obliges the FAI to stop the broadcast, while the FAI feel that it is up to the FAI. The League, who made the agreement which allows games to be beamed to the continent, are also reluctant to take action.

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Agreement eludes League and television

By Clive White

The Football League stubbornly stood their ground yesterday in negotiations with the television companies over coverage, and the meeting at White Hart Lane ended without reaching any agreement. The parties did, however, agree that "sufficient progress" had been made to justify a further meeting in the near future.

The television negotiators must have been optimistic about forcing a deal after recent news of a breakaway "super league" seemed to undermine the strength of football's negotiators, not to mention the acute financial position of so many of their number. But the League refused to budge on the question of live matches. Graham Kelly, the League secretary, said: "It is not about money. It is the equation between recorded and live matches, and I won't deviate from that."

Kelly would not be drawn on whether the next meeting would be before November 12 when the chairman met one of the television companies. He said: "I do not think that protracted negotiations are doing either side any good, but we have to go through these meetings and attempt to reach an agreement." He added: "It seems right not to prejudice negotiations by going into the delicate points which are under discussion."

The television authorities are insistent that the number of live matches should be increased before the League can consider recorded highlights. The original package which the League rejected was for 16 live games a season in a four-year deal worth £19.2 million. The League insisted that 10 live games should be the maximum.

With a third of this season gone, many of the most attractive matches left will be in the FA Cup. But the chairman met one of the television companies to negotiate a separate deal until the League and television companies have concluded their agreement.

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A tough first act in which the stars have the exit lines

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Chris Lloyd and Steffi Graf, who are billed as the stars of the show, went on stage for the first time when the Priddy Rally tournament moved into its third day (not counting the qualifying competition) at the Brighton Centre yesterday. Both won but they had tough pipe-opens: the sort of first-round matches most players welcome as long as the last point goes in their favour.

Mrs Lloyd won 7-6, 6-0 against Petra Huber, aged 18, the best player to come out of Austria since Sonja Pacht, who was the national No 1 for two decades and owned a company who sold ballpoint pens. Miss Huber is a strong ball player and keen on sking which is not uncommon among Austrians. She is also the daughter of a sports writer, which is handy for athletic types who need publicity.

Miss Huber's game is dominated by top spin, which produces a high bounce - very tiring for opponents who have to shoulder arms in order to return shots that buzz around their heads. Miss Huber served for the first set - no time to serve two double-faults and offer Mrs Lloyd a short ball - and had a set point in the tie-break in the second set. Miss Lloyd won the tie-break 10-8 and scored only eight points.

Miss Graf had a 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 win over that exciting, athletic French blonde, Catherine Tanvier. In the second set, Graf had a set point in the tie-break 5-1, served for the match twice and had two match points in the tie-break. But at that time Miss Tanvier had cast aside inhibitions that forced others. When she was sinking, why not sing a few songs?

In short, Miss Tanvier took a few chances and hit harder and deeper. It was not for nothing, anyway, that she and the rest of us were reminded that Miss Graf - like another German teenager, Boris Becker - is on a "hot" streak and is too young to be a reliable contender in a valley beyond every summer.

Jo Durie beat Michelle Torres, aged 18, the former high school champion of Illinois, by 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 in a match between players who have never lost a set in winning. Yesterday one of them had to break the habit. It turned out to be Miss Durie because she had a more punishing game and, as long as she played reasonably well, was the better player.

Miss Torres was not quick enough to contain the assault. But Miss Durie had to sacrifice a little dignity in the pursuit of success: she took two falls, rearranged the court furniture and almost ran over a line judge.

Carina Karlsson beat Virginia Wade in a thrilling match at Wimbledon last year. Yesterday the task was easier because Miss Karlsson is a little wiser and Miss Wade a little slower. This may have been Miss Wade's last serious singles match. A spate of exciting memories flooded through the mind as she won the second set with the run of 10 points out of 11.

RESULTS: First round: J. Durie (GB) vs M. Torres (USA) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; C. Karlsson (SWE) vs V. Wade (GB) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; S. Graf (FRG) vs C. Tanvier (FR) 6-2, 7-6, 6-2; P. Huber (AUT) vs C. Lloyd (GB) 7-6, 6-0; J. Durie (GB) vs M. Torres (USA) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; C. Karlsson (SWE) vs V. Wade (GB) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; S. Graf (FRG) vs C. Tanvier (FR) 6-2, 7-6, 6-2; P. Huber (AUT) vs C. Lloyd (GB) 7-6, 6-0.

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Cardiff's record ended by Bath

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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To his evident disgust, Terry Holmes was penalised for a crooked feed at a scrum on Bath's line and fed a last chance of beating the Cardiff Special Cup holders in a pulsating match which ended in a pulsating night air at the Recreation Ground yesterday. Bath inflicted the first defeat by an English club on Cardiff this season.

For the second time in four days, Bath packed some 7,000 spectators into the ground, forming a solid wall round the pitch. Their anticipation was justified as the lead changed hands twice in the first five minutes.

Holmes broke from the opening kick, and the two Cardiff wings carried play to the Bath line. Cardiff were awarded a five metres scrum, and Holmes, as he has done so often, charged over on the scrum. Within two minutes, the scrum was ahead when Raver misjudged a steeping kick from Barnes and Lee, seizing the bounce, was carried fully 15 metres by his rampaging forwards for the try.

Bath's rucking was of a different order from that generally attained by English clubs, and the forward exchanges generated somewhat more heat than the match sponsors, expected to encounter in their normal business. Barnes, recognising that Raver, a late change for the injured Lee, was unsuited under the high ball, full back, tested him to the full and Lee was not far short of a second try.

To the chagrin of England's stand-off half, Barnes missed two very kickable penalties within 14 minutes. Davies was not so charitable: when the Bath forwards joined a maul off-side, he kicked the 23-metre goal to restore Cardiff's lead. Bath could get little change on the lineout, but the enthusiasm of their forwards in the loose offered considerable compensation.

The pace of the game, frenetic at times, showed no signs of flagging and Bath regained the lead with a magnificent score. Martin collected a scrum kick near his own 22 and fed Halliday, who broke through at great speed for some 60 metres before sending Hall surging to the line for a try, which helped Bath to a 10-7 interval lead.

Contrary to some of their recent games, there was no lack of adventure from Bath. Though Palmer, taking over the goalkeeping, missed a long penalty, Bath built on their lead.

It stemmed from a mistook by Davies which Martin ran back. Palmer and Roberts put up the running. Hall and Palmer again kept going, and Roberts crashed over for a try which Barnes, to his evident relief, converted.

Davies pegged back three points with a penalty.

SCORERS: Bath: Lee, Hall, Spence, Davies. Cardiff: Davies, Hall, Palmer, Roberts, Barnes, Martin, Lee, Hall, Spence, Davies.

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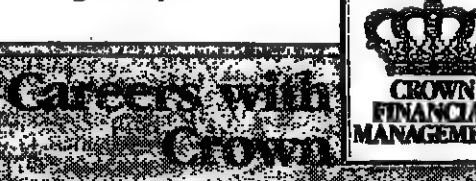
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TUC close door on breakaway miners

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The general council's statement said there was a "deliberate NCB strategy to close pits, cut the industry's workforce, virtually terminate national level bargaining and to undermine the NUM."

Mr Roy Lynk, the general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners, has made it clear that he wants to remain within the TUC membership of which is generally regarded as a constitutional requirement for affiliation to the Labour Party, and may consider legal action if necessary. Precedent however weighs heavily against TUC affiliation of breakaway organizations.

Supporters of the breakaway are likely to argue that their case was helped by the insistence by Mr Arthur Scargill, the national president, four years ago, that the Nottinghamshire and other areas were independent organizations when pressing his case for more than one representative on the TUC general council.

Supporters of the NUM however are reported to be considering initiating action against unions on the right wing of the political spectrum of the TUC whom they regard as having given succour to the breakaway, citing the case of the National Union of Seamen which was suspended in the 1920s for aiding the breakaway, led in Nottinghamshire by Mr George Spencer, MP.

Mr Mick McGahey, the NUM's vice-president, said later that Mr Ian MacGregor, coal board chairman, had imported "union bashing in the finest American way" by fostering the breakaway organization. The TUC has launched an initiative aimed at defusing what it yesterday called the "desperate and dangerous atmosphere in Britain's inner cities", in the wake of rioting in Birmingham, Liverpool and London.

TUC committees are seeking meetings "as a matter of the utmost urgency," with a range of outside bodies including the Confederation of British Industries, government departments, the Commission for Racial Equality, ethnic minority groups and the Police Federation, in an attempt to "stimulate... a concerted programme to improve conditions in inner cities."

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The orphans that famine left behind



Some of 1,200 children at Makelle camp, Ethiopia, whose parents have died in the drought in the past year

From Paul Valley
Addis Ababa

Bob Geldof has pledged money from the funds of the Live Aid concert for work in areas involved in the Ethiopian government's controversial resettlement scheme. So far this project has moved more than half a million peasant farmers from the famine-affected northern provinces to virgin land in the South-west.

Mr Geldof's decision underlines a growing acceptance among aid workers here that the problems of people in the resettlement camps cannot be ignored.

"Most countries and most agencies have not been in favour of resettlement. We did not like what was done, the speed it was carried out with, or the lack of adequate preparation but we have to recognize it as a fact of life in Ethiopia today," said Father Jack Finnucane, field director of the Irish charity Concern. About 700,000 people have been moved so far and they need our help.

This week Concern announced that it had received a £700,000 grant from a consortium funded by the Canadian Government for work in the resettlement camps in Wollega. A German agency, Menschen für Menschen, is already at work in resettlement areas.

A third charity, World Vision, has also declared its support for the policy to abandon the "old, desolate, dry and barren" places in the north. Earlier this month a report by the environmental group, Survival International, based on the testimony of people who had escaped from the camps and fled to Sudan, condemned the programme as brutal.

"I have been to 25 different settlements in the past six months. There is no doubt that they are hard places - it takes three years to clear virgin land and make it produce - but they are not anything like as horrific as has been suggested. I have seen no evidence of it," Father Finnucane said.

A good deal of controversy centres around the question of whether or not the programme is voluntary. There is no shortage of eye-witness testimony to incidents in the Adwa, Axum and Mekele areas of Tigre in which farmers have been rounded up at gunpoint.

Privately Ethiopian officials acknowledge that these reports are true but say they constitute a minority of perhaps 10,000 of the 5-250 people so far officially registered as having been moved. The incidents are put down to over-zealous local officials.

ANC leader to face Commons committee

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sanctions against South Africa, we have found it (the attitude) most disappointing," said Mrs Mandela, wife of the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

"We resent that Mrs Thatcher regards herself as our spokesman. We never appointed her as our spokesman," she said.

British economic self-interest lay behind the stance, Mrs Mandela said. "We know that they (Britain) are interested in their own investments in our country. Mrs Thatcher knows that she is protecting the exports of Britain in this issue."

Mrs Mandela forecast black violence - which on Friday spread to Johannesburg, designated as white under South Africa's racial zoning laws - would increase in white areas.

The ANC last week vowed to extend unrest to white areas, largely immune from 20 months of riots that have claimed more than 760 lives.

Mrs Mandela said the unrest has been largely confined to black areas so far because apartheid laws required blacks to live in townships designated for them.

"As long as Pretoria resists the people's fight against apartheid, so will violence be the order of the day," she said.

Echoes of empire in white elephant land

Captain Francis Light, founder of Georgetown in 1786, would no doubt fail to be surprised at the celebrations being organized to commemorate the bicentenary of Penang's state capital next year.

He was a man of his times, and in those days colonial exploration was not equated with exploitation. His life as a European colonizer is not the stuff of which modern ballads are made in South-East Asia.

None the less, the free port he established on Betel Nut Island is still a flourishing commercial entrepot, and its predominantly Chinese people respect the memory of a good businessman.

It is as well that they do, because there are few enough Britons around even though echoes of empire are abundant. Merdeka, or independence, came in 1957 and the last serviceman departed in 1971. The old officers mess is the city and there are bars with romantic names such as Liverpool.

The English heard in the street, however, is nowadays more likely to have an Aussie twang to it than the discreet tones of the sons of gentry who came out to plant rubber and make - or just as easily lose - a fortune.

For, by and large, Penang, a bustling city of some 400,000 souls, has turned its back on history. The new electronics factories that have displaced the paddy fields along the airport road are American or Japanese. Ming has taken over from Leyland and Toyota has succeeded Morris Oxford as elsewhere in the region. Only Guinness stout still reigns supreme.

There is not a single British river or bag of cement in the £400 million Penang road bridge that now connects Georgetown and Butterworth on the mainland. Hyundai Engineering of South Korea eclipsed British technology and the sub-contracting was handled locally.

In the jargon of international trade, there was a substantial transfer of technology to Malaysia. An estimated 1,500 Malaysians received training in advanced concrete and steel construction techniques, which will be put to good use when the final two-mile stretch of elevated highway into Georgetown is

built on reclaimed coastal land.

That industrial training has reinforced the Asia connection and diminishes the link with the one-time "mother country", though education remains a strong point of contact with Britain. Indeed, the only discernible British presence on the weekend of the bridge opening was a present-day head-hunter, an English provincial university officer trying to drum up business in the fiercely-competitive overseas student market.

He cut a lonely figure in the plush dining room of the "E and O" hotel, its grandeur faded but still redolent of the days of Rudyard Kipling and Somerset Maugham.

But though the British profile may be lower than most can remember, there is a strong cultural continuum. One of the more aggressive local institutions is the Consumers' Association of Penang, which publishes - in English, of course - a lively tabloid monthly paper that champions the interests of the have-nots, or, at any rate, the haven't-very-much.

A recent issue cuts through the euphoria and political cant surrounding the building of the bridge, arguing simply that it is an expensive white elephant and the money could have been "better spent on other projects which really satisfy people's basic needs."

Mr Martin Khor Koh Peng, research director of the association, argues: "Because the bridge is financed by foreign loans, it will contribute to Malaysia's external debt problem, since the tolls will not be sufficient to service the loans. It is a luxury project which mainly benefits the elite who own motor cars."

This is the nearest thing to heresy in Georgetown. The official version is that it will bring many more tourists simply to look at the concrete and steel, and more business to take advantage of improved communications.

With the Malaysian economic boom tailing off, albeit at a slower rate than in neighbouring Singapore, there is more hope than expectation behind this analysis. However, it is a fair bet that Captain Light would have approved.

Paul Routledge

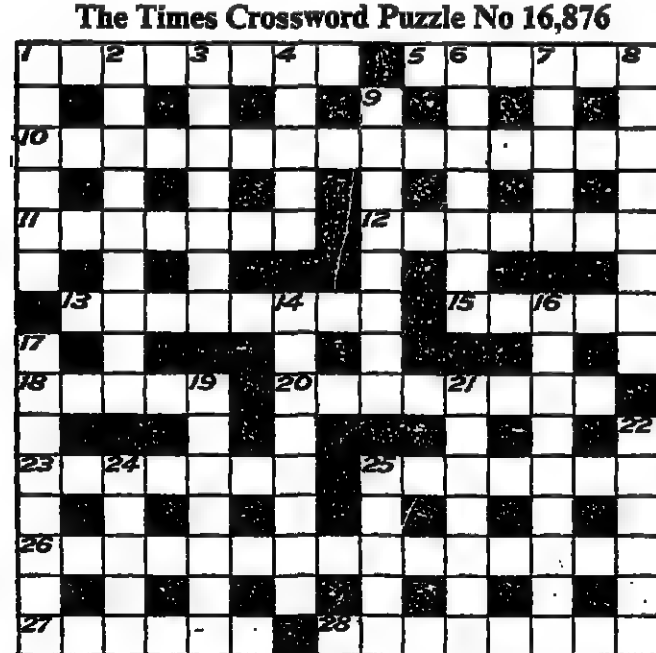
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Today's events

Royal engagements

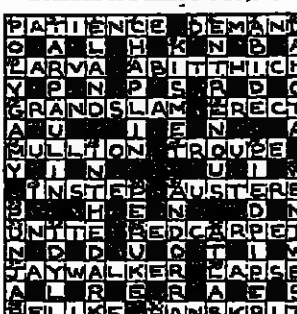
Princess Anne attends engagements for the Carman's Company, Tailors Chancery Lane, 9.55.
The Duke of Gloucester opens the new Entrance Building at the Black Country Museum, Dudley, 10.10, and then presents the awards at the Midland Businessman of the Year lunch at the Hotel Metropole, Birmingham, 12.30, later, as Deputy Chairman, Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, he attends a reception to mark the occasion of the publication of the Commission, St James's Palace, 5.55.
The Duchess of Gloucester presents the awards at the 1985 National Nursing Awards dinner, Staines Hall, London, 7.10.
Princess Alexandra opens the new wards and departments of the Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich, 11.30, and later visits the WYCA Marjorie Hinde House, Bethel Street, Norwich, 2.
Prince Michael of Kent, as President, the Institute of Motor Industry, opens the new Porsche UK headquarters, Reading, 10.15.
Exhibitions in progress
Ceramics and watercolours by Ewen Henderson; Cooperian Connection, Lock House, Waterside Rd, Beverley, Yorkshire; Wed to Nov 10.30 to 6, closed Tues (ends Nov 11).
Work by the Guild of Hampshire and Berkshire Crafts Guild: Reading Museum and Art Gallery, Blagrove St; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 26).
Class by Deborah Fladgate and handbuilt pots by Gail Fox and Gabrielle Koch; Long Street Gallery, 50 Long St, Tetbury, Glos; Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5.30, Thurs 10 to 1 (ends Nov 13).
Personal Choice - a celebration of 20th century photography: Usher Gallery, Linsford Rd, Lincoln; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Nov 10).
Photographs based on two years in the lives of York City and Darlington football clubs by Michael Pearson; photographs by children aged eight to eighteen years; Impressions Gallery, of Photography, 17 Cowgate, York; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Nov 16).
Last chance to see
Earth from Space: Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow 10.10.5.
Music
St Alban's Festival: Organ recital by Ian Tracey, 1.10; Godspell by students from Joseph Chamberlain College, 7.30; St Alban and St Patrick, Stanhope St, Birmingham.
Recital by Heather Slade-Lipkin (harpichord) and Lesley Shingley (cello), 1.10; St Albans Theatre, St Anne's Sq, Manchester, 1.
Recital by Daniel Veis (cello) and Martinio Tirmio (piano); Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, 12.45.
Recital by the Vertaine Duo; Liverpool Parish Church, Pier Head, 1.05.
Belfast Concert of Music's Young Artists recital; Central Library, Royal Ave, Belfast, 6.30.
Concert by the Ogden Chamber Orchestra and Choir; St Mary's Church, Woodbridge, 7.30.
French music by Syrian; St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.
Concert by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.
Concert by the Wind Solists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe; Community Centre, Kingsleigh Rd, Newton Abbot, 8.
Talks, lectures
One world, by the Rev Canon Douglas Baines; Chichester Cathedral, 7.30.
Computer graphics and the design of drugs, by Tom L. Blundell; Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics, Newcastle University, 5.30.
Adolf Loos, by Prof Burkhardt Rukoschinski; Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke St, Oxford, 2.
Phoebe Traquair - artist extraordinary, by Elizabeth Cammings; Room 8, William Robertson Building, Old Edinburgh Club, George St, Edinburgh, 7.15.
General
York Antiques Fair, Assembly Rooms, Blake St, York, today and tomorrow 11 to 8, Sat 11 to 5 (ends Oct 26).
Poetry reading by Ted Hughes; Buxton Opera House, Derbyshire, 8.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,876



- ACROSS
- Split personality, perhaps (8).
 - Common trouble, getting vessel into well (6).
 - ECG erratic - panel ordered no specific treatment (7,8).
 - Jeaves, for example, would be thankful if old boy were in front (7).
 - Laundry-bay? (3,4).
 - Running out of stock (8).
 - Plant Browning's snail lived on? (5).
 - Florentine gold lace (5).
 - One attending Her Majesty's royal court etc, we hear? (8).
 - Bird damaging trees in Kuala Lumpur is still in the air (7).
 - Where Derbyshire people take a shine to (7).
 - Reprive puts him free - one who could still get the chair (4,11).
 - Grass has to be treated with chemical (6).
 - Early-warning system put out by Air Force? (8).
- DOWN
- System of exercises for Indian clubs? (6).
 - Father of the power-station? (9).
 - Cutting attack in endless massacre, possibly (7).
 - Kind of tag left round end of lace (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,875



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New books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Fiction
Peeping Tom, by Howard Jacobson (Black Swan, £2.95).
The Small Back Room, by Nigel Balchin, introduced by Benny Green (Oxford, £3.50).
The Trial of Hamlet, by Ruth Rendell (Arrow, £1.95).
Non-fiction
Accidental Times, compiled by Jane Lambert (Unwin, £1.95).
An Australian in China, by G. E. Morrison, introduction by David Bonavia (Oxford, £1.95).
As We Are, A Modern Review, by E. F. Benson, introduction by T. J. Blyden (Hogarth Press, £3.95).
Violence, by Vanessa Stanley, selected and edited by Michael and Eleanor Brock (Oxford, £3.95).
O'Brien Old and New, by Anthony Burgess, with Planché's original text (Hutchinson, £3.95).
The Valley of Flowers, by F. S. Smythe, introduction by Geoffrey Smith (Corgi, £3.95).
Tudor Ireland, Crown, Community and the Conflict of Cultures, by Steven G. Ellis (Longman, £9.95).

Roads

The Midlands: A41: Temporary light operating at Birmingham between Walsley and Banbury. A5: Roadworks continue at Stretton between Gales and Pickmere. Staffs: M5: Severe delays due to contraflow between junction 5 and junction 6 (Bromsgrove). Only one lane in use northbound.
Wales and West: M4: Roadworks W of Severn Bridge will close westbound exit slip road at junction 23 (Llanwrn) and westbound entry slip road at junction 22 (Chepstow). A46: Roadworks between the end of M4 and Carmarthen mean that temporary traffic lights operate at Drefach. Dyfed: A361: Roadworks on Taunton road, W of Taunton at Norton Fitzwarren. A5085 (Seaton, Co Durham) and A690 SW of Sunderland. A642: Footway construction along A642 between Oulton and Woodhouseford, Leeds.
Scotland: A9: Single lane traffic and temporary lights on the Perth to Glasgow road by city boundary and around roundabout; care required. A1: Two sets of temporary traffic lights on A1 at Dolphinstown, of Trant, delays likely. M16/A74: Delays for traffic travelling between Scotland and England; resurfacing work on A74 at end of M6 at junction 44.
Information supplied by the AA

The papers

"It should come as no surprise to learn that the Soviet Union has violated the 1979 Salt II treaty limiting offensive strategic weapons - by deploying a new, mobile, land-based missile, the SS-25. This is the only example of flagrant Soviet treaty cheating in the past 10 years. More serious, because of what it reveals of Soviet strategic planning is the clear violation of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty under which each party (the US and the USSR) undertakes not to deploy ABM systems for the defence of the territory of its country." The paper says that "overseeing the cheating" is Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. It adds: "Perhaps we can do business with him, to long as we constantly remember that his business - the business of any Soviet leader - is the victory of Soviet communism."

Know your medicines

A guide to medicines for elderly people and those who help to care for them has been published by Age Concern. Know Your Medicines, by Pat Blair, is available from the Marketing Department (PR19), Age Concern England, 60 Piccadilly Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL (£2.75 including p & p).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on reports of Public Accounts Committee, Water (Fluoridation) Bill, Lords amendments.
Lords (3): Transport Bill, third reading.

The pound

Australia \$ 1.48
Canada \$ 1.25
Hong Kong \$ 7.80
New Zealand \$ 1.45
Singapore \$ 2.45
South Africa \$ 1.45
Switzerland \$ 1.45
USA \$ 1.45
Yen \$ 148

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Anniversaries

Births: Aurangzeb, Mughal emperor, ruled 1658-1707. Dhod, India. 1618; Sir Moses Haim Montefiore, BL, philanthropist, Leghorn, Italy, 1784; Dame Sybil Thurgood, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1882.
Deaths: Peter Illich Tchaikovsky (new style Nov 6), St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1893; Susan Lawrence, politician, London, 1947; Franz Lehár, Bad Ischl, Austria, 1948.

Weather forecast

A large anticyclone will persist over NW Europe and a weakening cold front will move SE towards NW Scotland later.

6am to midnight

London, SE England: Dry with sunny periods; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).
East Angles, E, NE England: Cloudy near coast; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 13C (55F).
Central, S, SW, NW, central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Lulls; some fog patches at first, dry with sunny periods; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 13C (55F).
Wales: Some fog patches at first, dry with sunny periods; wind SE light or moderate; max temp 14C (57F).
Lakes, District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Some fog patches at first, dry with sunny periods; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 13C (55F).
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy near coast; some fog patches and showers; a little drizzle, sunny intervals elsewhere; wind S to SE moderate to fresh; max temp 12C (54F).
NW Scotland: Dry with sunny periods, becoming cloudy later, perhaps with a little rain; wind SE moderate to fresh; max temp 12C (54F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Little change.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), Wind E fresh; locally strong; sea: visibility moderate or poor; state moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea, Wind SE fresh; sea: visibility moderate; sea state moderate.

Lighting time

London 6.19 pm to 7.12 am
Bristol 6.20 pm to 7.11 am
Manchester 6.23 pm to 7.08 am
Penzance 6.43 pm to 7.30 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; fog, fog.
Belfast 11.11 C
Birmingham 11.11 C
Blackpool 11.11 C
Bristol 11.11 C
Cardiff 11.11 C
Edinburgh 11.11 C
Glasgow 11.11 C
Liverpool 11.11 C
Manchester 11.11 C
Newcastle 11.11 C
Penzance 11.11 C
Plymouth 11.11 C
Reading 11.11 C
Sheffield 11.11 C
Southampton 11.11 C
Stoke 11.11 C
Tyneside 11.11 C
Wolverhampton 11.11 C
Wrexham 11.11 C

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: 15C (59F); lowest day temp: 11C (52F); highest night temp: 10C (50F); lowest night temp: 8C (46F).
Today: Highest day temp: 15C (59F); lowest day temp: 11C (52F); highest night temp: 10C (50F); lowest night temp: 8C (46F).

London

Yesterday: Temp. max 8 am to 8 pm, 14C (57F); min 8 pm to 8 am, 10C (50F).
Today: Temp. max 8 am to 8 pm, 15C (59F); min 8 pm to 8 am, 11C (52F).
Forecast: Partly cloudy with sun; some light rain or drizzle in the evening.

Around Britain

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	12	12	Cloudy
Birmingham	12	12	Cloudy
Manchester	12	12	Cloudy
Cardiff	12	12	Cloudy
Edinburgh	12	12	Cloudy
Glasgow	12	12	Cloudy
Liverpool	12	12	Cloudy
Newcastle	12	12	Cloudy
Penzance	12	12	Cloudy
Plymouth	12	12	Cloudy
Reading	12	12	Cloudy
Sheffield	12	12	Cloudy
Southampton	12	12	Cloudy
Stoke	12	12	Cloudy
Tyneside	12	12	Cloudy
Wolverhampton	12	12	Cloudy
Wrexham	12	12	Cloudy

Abroad

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	12	12	Cloudy
Alexandria	12	12	Cloudy
Amman	12	12	Cloudy
Baghdad	12	12	Cloudy
Bombay	12	12	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	12	12	Cloudy
Calcutta	12	12	Cloudy
Cairo	12	12	Cloudy
Colon	12	12	Cloudy
Hong Kong	12	12	Cloudy
Kobe	12	12	Cloudy
Madras	12	12	Cloudy
Manila	12	12	Cloudy
Medan	12	12	Cloudy
Mumbai	12	12	Cloudy
Nairobi	12	12	Cloudy
Rangoon	12	12	Cloudy
Singapore	12	12	Cloudy
Tokyo	12	12	Cloudy
Yokohama	12	12	Cloudy

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars



High tides

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	11.34	8.8
Aberdeen	11.34	8.8
Amman	11.34	8.8
Bombay	11.34	8.8
Buenos Aires	11.34	8.8
Calcutta	11.34	8.8
Cairo	11.34	8.8
Colon	11.34	8.8
Hong Kong	11.34	8.8
Kobe	11.34	8.8
Madras	11.34	8.8
Manila	11.34	8.8
Medan	11.34	8.8
Mumbai	11.34	8.8
Nairobi	11.34	8.8
Rangoon	11.34	8.8
Singapore	11.34	8.8
Tokyo	11.34	8.8
Yokohama	11.34	8.8

MOON TODAY

MOON TODAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fog, fog; r, rain; s, sun; snow, snow.

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	12	12	Cloudy
Birmingham	12	12	Cloudy
Manchester	12	12	Cloudy
Cardiff	12	12	Cloudy
Edinburgh	12	12	Cloudy
Glasgow	12	12	Cloudy
Liverpool	12	12	Cloudy
Newcastle	12	12	Cloudy
Penzance	12	12	Cloudy
Plymouth	12	12	Cloudy
Reading	12	12	Cloudy
Sheffield	12	12	Cloudy
Southampton	12	12	Cloudy
Stoke	12	12	Cloudy
Tyneside	12	12	Cloudy
Wolverhampton	12	12	Cloudy
Wrexham	12	12	Cloudy

Abroad

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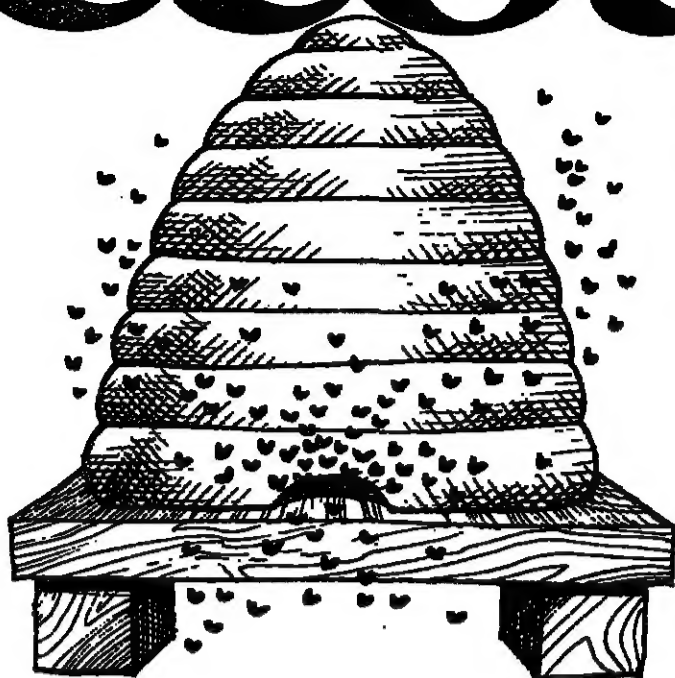
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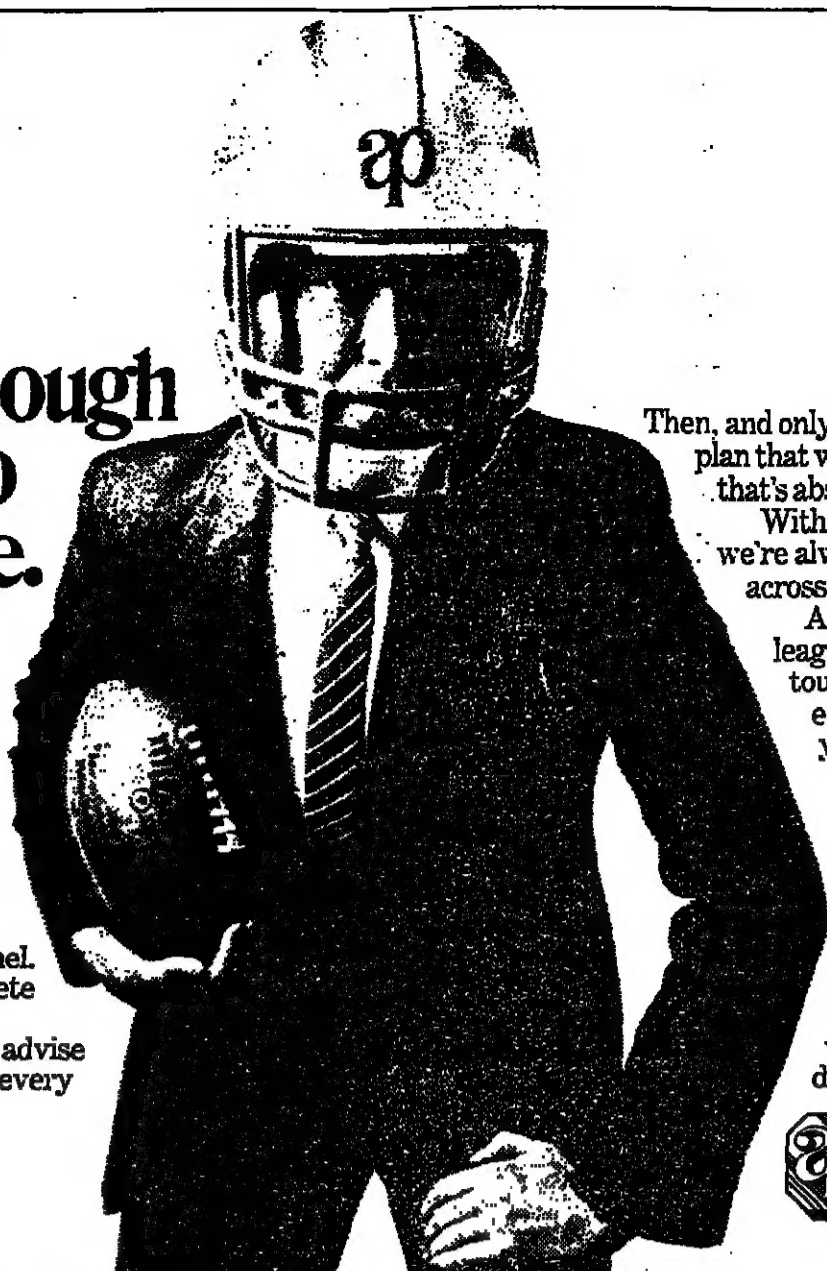
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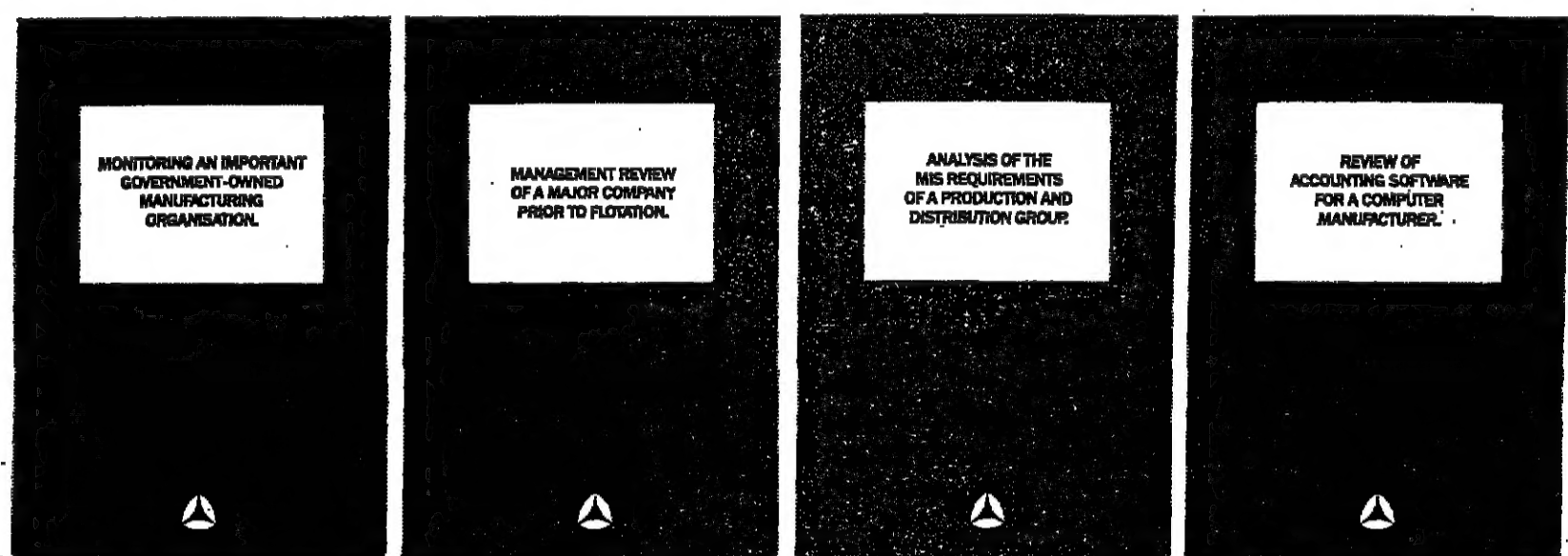
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A guide to career development

How skilled women can stay

Nicola Boyd is one of the new style of banking women. Next year she will resume her career at the level at which she left in 1983 to have her first child. Nicola, a graduate who has taken the Institute of Bankers exams, is a re-entrant in National Westminster Bank's experimental scheme in which women of potential return, with retraining, to the same grade.

Like other re-entrants, she will return sooner than the five years allowed, and is working more than the required two weeks every year. She now has two children, does part-time relief work and receives a monthly pack of updating literature.

"Women could usually get back," she says, "but they had to drop a couple of grades and it took time to work up, so this scheme is excellent."

It is also likely to have immeasurable impact on women's careers. Several major organizations are now implementing or considering schemes similar to NatWest's which was started in 1981 and is due for review next year. Other banks are also developing the idea.

The Midland Bank has begun a broad-based re-entrant scheme for women in managerial, supervisory, junior management and management trainee roles, which it hopes will attract women to management training. Those who left to start a family in the past two years are also eligible. Barclays Bank is planning to help women combine career and family.

Sally Watts describes schemes that allow mothers to pick up work where they left off

Boots the Chemist is encouraging high-calibre women to return at their former level with a five-year pilot scheme for pharmacists and retail buyers. Although the initial response among people contacted several years after they left was less positive than had been hoped, this may change among women leaving now the scheme is implemented.

The Engineering Council is producing a valuable report - expected next month - on the career break, based on a survey of 160 employers and some 1,700 women at chartered and technician levels.

The aim is to arrest the waste of skills and investment caused by women returning to lower jobs, or not at all, or on ad hoc arrangements.

"Things are going to change," says John Shrigley, personnel director at Marconi, which is working on a plan for professional engineers and technicians to return at the same status. "We need people with scarce skills. Women students are increasingly sponsored on sandwich courses, so an

enormous amount is invested in their training. The council's report will be a major stimulus to get them back."

Esso, too, concerned at losing well-qualified staff, is looking at ways to help good performers, in all categories, to resume their career after up to five years, and BP is examining its present ad hoc approach.

For women qualified in housing, or with specialized experience, the Institute of Housing is piloting a year's Return to Work project funded by the Manpower Services Commission. It provides flexible retraining to update women in policy and practice through home study and two residential weekend courses, the first next month and the second in January.

Employers and staff responded well to an exploratory survey and the institute which has produced leaflets on the career break, advises leavers to maintain contact with their last employer.

Some employers accept that career breaks should include caring for elderly relatives and apply equally to men, and to fathers caring for children. F International and ICL, for example, cater for such categories.

ICL's Homeworkers, has 200 male and female technical writers and programmers who have family commitments, are physically disabled or simply prefer working at home.

Slower times clocked in the jobs race

Recruitment activity has been rising for the past four and a half years, almost a year longer than was expected from the pattern of employment cycles during the past 40 years. As yet there are few signs of a downturn.

In the three months ending in September, the seasonally adjusted average number of vacancies flowing into job centres was 225,000 a month - more than 9 per cent up on the corresponding period last year and the highest level since November 1979. It is taking longer to fill vacancies and so the seasonally adjusted number of vacancies last month reached 184,000 - an increase of 12 per cent on September last year.

Recruitment advertising levels remain high, particularly in the "quality" national newspapers. Last month they showed a 12 per cent increase in the volume of recruitment advertising on September 1974. In the corresponding period, *The Times* was up 79 per cent, once again showing remarkable growth.

On the other hand, the "popular" daily newspapers were almost 9 per cent down over the same period. Bearing in mind the continuing growth in the number of vacancies notified to job centres, this is somewhat surprising. *The London Standard*, however, showed gains of almost 11 per cent, reflecting the relative buoyancy

MARKETPLACE

of the jobs market in the London area.

We are three-quarters of the way into a year in which a fall in recruitment activity was confidently predicted from the start. So far the flow of vacancies into job centres has increased by an average of 5 per cent; the number of vacancies advertised in the Manpower Services Commission's weekly jobs newspaper, *Executive Post*, has increased by an average of 7 per cent; and the volume of jobs advertising in a sample of 12 national newspapers and *The London Standard* is up by more than 14 per cent on last year.

It is clear the greatest growth is in management, professional and technical vacancies, although the demand for some craft skills remains high. Demand is highest in high-technology manufacturing and the service industries. In geographical terms, London and south-east England have the most to offer.

Demand for high-technology skills is leading employers to look at new ways of attracting staff. Last month GEC Avionics was considering advertising in *Australasia* for people with electronic skills to fill vacancies in Britain.

Up to 100 employers are expected to exhibit at the Job '85 Exhibition to be held at the Wembley Conference Centre from November 20 to 23. They will be seeking a variety of non-manual skills, from security guards to senior management.

The exhibition will contain a specialist Technology '85 section. Those expected to exhibit include the Ministry of Defence, GEC and British Telecom, as well as such service sector employers as British Home Stores, Waitrose, Securicor and Rank Hotels. Entry is free to the public and job seekers will be able to meet employers without formality. This is the third such job fair to be held at Wembley, the last attracting 10,861 visitors.

Employers are worried by the shortage of suitable newly qualified graduates. The autumn issue of *Manpower Policy and Practice*, a quarterly published by the Institute of Manpower Studies, has devoted 19 pages to a special feature on graduate employment.

In the first paragraph it states: "Already, shortages in IT specialists, high achievers and generalist areas such as retailing and banking have begun to generate grave concern in many companies. If the downward trend continues a longer term decline in suitably qualified graduates seems likely to follow."

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